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The periods through which he passed were emphatically event-full. Born, in 1744, before the Stuart had made his last attempt to regain the crown of England from Brunswick, he saw that crown stripped of its richest jewel, America, and that loss partly compen-sated for by the gain of the Eastern gem, India. The England, France, nay, the World, of the time of his birth were marvellously changed in every respect, — scarcely the same at the period of his death, in 1818. We may hint at some of the changes here at when may make at some of the changes here at home by naming the administrations under which George Rose lived. It is a sort of chronological reckoning which he would himself have adopted. When he was born, the "Broad Bottom" ruled, or misruled, the coun-Pitt, Bute, Grenville, Rockingham, and Chatham,—under whom Rose got his foot on the bottom round of the ladder, and thence slowly but surely mounted. Then succeeded Grafton, North, Rockingham, Shelburne, the Coalition, and William Pitt,—under whom Rose became a man for greater men to court. Then followed Addington, Pitt, and "All the Talents," Portland, Perceval, and Liverpool,—under whose government, in 1818, George Rose dropped from his height, and left the rounds of the ladder to other strugglers.

It was absurd of the idle fellows, who had

thrown away their chance in life, to call George Rose a "lucky" man. He simply was a hardworking, clever, and persevering man, who won his way, toiled for years without a prospect of fortune, and when his chance came, grasped it at once, and then the tide of his fortune never knew ebb.

We may fairly say he fought his way. Just a hundred years ago,—he had been sent to sea, the usual course with destitute lads,—he was wounded in action in the West Indies. He is spoken of as "younker and midshipman," and notice is taken of the report of his having been a purser; "but in fact," says Miss Rose (his daughter), "it appears that Capt. Mackenzie was his own purser. Mr. Rose kept his books, which is signed in a boy's handwriting." On this we will observe, that we never heard of George Rose having been a purser; but we have often heard him spoken of as a purser's clerk, and his daughter corroborates the fact. We believe, too, that Rose had been previously apprenticed to an apothecary, at Hampstead, and that he had soon given up that vocation in

At the age of nineteen he was in London without hopes of advancement, without a friend now alive able to assist him, and life wore as gloomy an aspect as could well be for a young fellow anxious to be making progress. Fortunately for George Rose, he had literary and antiquarian tastes, and this procured him an intimacy with persons by whose aid he obtained a humble clerkship in the Record Office.

His very first service here was one for which many of us have daily to be thankful. The new clerk was found to be the only person in the office competent to edit the printing of the Journals of the House of Lords and the Rolls of Parliament. This occupation brought the assiduous clerk into contact with men of influence, whose friendship he speedily acquired, and made of it a permanent possession. The Earl of Marchmont was first and chief of these; and the Earl's persevering friend became chief of the Record Office;—and, to note his progress, he afterwards held the appointments of Secretary to the Board of Taxes, Secretary to the Treasury, Clerk of Parliaments, Joint Paymaster-General of the Forces, Vice-President of the Board of Trade, and Treasurer of the Navy. This was an honourable and profit-able career for a man who commenced life as a purser's clerk. The secret of his success lay in his assiduity. At a period when hard drinking was not disgraceful, and tavernlife seductive, George Rose observed sobriety and loved his home. And, at a time when small men in Government offices were remarkable for their arrogance, George Rose was affable, unpresuming, and courteous. Whig and Tory allowed that a man so gifted, and who so used his gifts, merited the success he had obtained.

Wonderfully wise was this industrious Tory. Prime Ministers called God to witness (after the manner of men of fashion), that they were asto-nished at his want of ambition; but Whig epigram-writers pelted him with verses ridiculing his aspiring views. Meanwhile, George sat in Paraspiring views. Meanwhile, George sat in Far-liament for pocket-boroughs, made speeches, wrote pamphlets, and, well-to-do himself, thought the country must be doing even better. Never was there a public man who, amid menacing ruin and national distress, augured so pleasantly, prophesied so brightly, or spoke so contentedly of the past, present, and future condition of old England. In this respect, Fortunate Rose was the political father of Prosperity Robinson.

Such as he was, we repeat, we are not sorry once more to find ourselves in his company. It is pleasant to be turning over his Diary,-to see how the old world wagged, and to find that Mr. Carpenter Muddle's theory is thereby established, and that we are acting over again what we (when we were our own fathers and grandfathers) acted half a hundred years, or a score of administrations, ago. Then, besides the Diary, we have annotations and anecdotes by Mr. Rose's daughter, and a little too much editing by Mr. Harcourt. This gentleman, however, knew the value of his materials, and the following summary describes the

"Mr. Rose saw so much of the secret springs which give motion to the wheels of government, and was admitted so far into the intimacy of the great actors upon the public stage, that he could tell of much which was invisible to the outside spec-tators. But especially does his intimacy with Mr. Pitt, and the confidential terms on which they lived, from the commencement of that great minister's first administration to the end of his life, give an original interest to their correspondence. It is an interest, however, of a very peculiar nature; it is not that which arises from curious nature; it is not that which arises from curious discoveries, large views, striking reflections, literary criticisms, piquant anecdotes, whispered slanders, or speculations even in politics; but it is an interest entirely owing to the light which it throws on the character of Mr. Pitt, and the tone of his mind throughout the long series of letters which are now first presented to the public."

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" Lord Percy to Mr. Rose.

"My dear Sir,—You will easily conceive my astonishment at that part of your letter which mentions the intention of appointing Lord Faulconberg our Custos Rotulorum. What encouragement ere for any man of rank to exert himself in the service of his King and country, when the only reward he is likely to meet with is total neglect and inattention, and constantly to have the mortification of seeing every person, without either weight, consequence, or merit, preferred before him in every instance, both civil and military? I may without vanity assert, that there is not an officer in the army who has done his duty, in the line of his profession, with more zeal and attention than myself; and, in consequence of that, it is now fourmyser, and, in consequence of the smallest mark of approbation from his Majesty or his Ministers. You may depend upon it I shall mention nothing of this matter till I hear from you again. I beg you will be assured that I ever am, with the greatest truth, Yours most sincerely, Percy."

In a subsequent letter, this angry man of rank, with so high an appreciation of his own merit, writes "As for myself, the event of every day confirms me still more and more in my idea of quitting the public service." This effect of spleen, so perillous to the British service, will remind our readers of the same menace lately made by another young north-country nobleman in the army. There is something nobleman in the army. There is something pitiable, too, in the writer's allusions to his "rank." His father was a country gentleman, Smithson, who had married the heiress of the Percys,—for which clever feat he was made a Duke; and his son thinks that Governments are illiberal of reward to "men of rank,"—the Smithsons being, as Mr. Smiles informs us in his 'Self-Help,' descended from a worthy

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He alludes to "fourteen years' unnoticed service," during which "I have paid an atten-tion to my duty unequalled by any officer of the same rank in the army." This was modest; but Mr. Secretary Rose was condemned modest; but Mr. Secretary Rose was condemned to read reams of paper from various autobiographers greatly in love with their respective heroes. Mr. Eden, who is said to have originated the Coalition—from whose ranks he deserted to ally himself with Mr. Pitt—"unbosoms himself in confidence" to Mr. Rose, to inform him freely what mark of approbation of his public service would estifiate writer. Mr. his public service would satisfy the writer. Mr. Eden had sent useful information to Pitt from Paris, in 1786 and 1787, and he thinks that he ought to be "ostensibly distinguished as the instrument selected by him." What Pitt thought of Mr. Eden does not appear; but what William Eden thought of himself he expresses in this charmingly modest sentence:

—"I have the merit of having exerted a most

indefatigable zeal and integrity in his (Pitt's) with an activity and perseverance which those only can conceive who have been witnesses of it." Then came the question, what did he ask for it? "I am unable to answer you. Shall I say an English peerage?" Having commented on this exquisite text, and ended by a negative to his own question, he asks, "Shall I say an Irish peerage? The ancient seat of my family, and still in their possession, is Auckland, and Lord Auckland, of Ireland, would sound better as Ambassador to his Catholic Majesty, than plain Monsieur." Seeing some incon-"Shall I say the Red Ribbon?" adding, "to tell you the truth, ... I look forwards to passing fifteen or twenty years of my life at Becken ham, and such gewgaws will make a laughable appearance in my shrubery." Then Mr. Eden bethought himself of "finding and grabing some respectable office for life,"—but, finally, he leaves it all to Mr. Pitt, who does nothing but state to Mr. Rose that "he has no means of giving an office for life." Mr. Eden wakes up at this, and asks, "Ought I to seek for my son the second reversion of a Teller-ship?" Anon he doubts whether it would be worth seeking, or attainable. Again, he would like to be a Lord, if means could be provided for him to support the dignity. "Reduced to this point, I am inclined to think that I ought to seek the English peerage; or even in the supposition of its not being given, an Irish one!" Subsequently, after some years, how-ever, Mr. Eden became Lord Auckland, and no one felt that the title was ill bestowed. It must not be supposed that Pitt himself distributed recompenses invariably with reference to merit. The following paragraph, dated 1800, proves the contrary:—"Dear Rose. I have made up my mind to offer the Deanery of Canterbury to Dean Butler, and you will be so good as to inform him of it,—contriving at the same time to make sure of the return we wish, as far as you can with propriety." The very significant italics are Pitt's. To do the Minister full justice, however, his own unselfishness was remarkable; and Mr. Pitt was the last man whom the Minister cared to reward. In Rose's Diary, date March 19, 1801, the writer says:

"With Mr. Pitt alone the whole evening, when a conversation arose about his own situation; on mentioning to him that an intention had been expressed by many friends of bringing forward a motion in the House of Commons respecting a grant to him, he assured me in the most solemn manner of his fixed determination on no consideration whatever to accept anything from the public; rather than do which he would struggle with any difficulties; that if he had had the good fortune to carry the country safe through all its dangers, and to have seen it in a state of prosperity, he should have had a pride in accepting such a grant; but that under all the present circumstances of the situation of the country, and of himself, it was utterly inconsistent with his feelings to receive anything. In all which (notwithstanding the severe pressure I am sure he has upon him) I could not do otherwise than entirely concur with

Mr. Rose had an interview with Mr. Addington after Pitt's retirement, when they discussed the merits of an Admiral for the Baltic. England has so little to thank Mr. Addington for, that we have the more pleasure in recording his discernment of the qualities of Nelson:—

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"In speaking of the Danish business, he expressed himself sanguinely; I answered, I was sure that what could be done by man would be executed by the two admirals who commanded; he observed that Lord Nelson was the most likely to strike a great blow, though both were good, on which I reminded him of the distinguished courage, and still more remarkable presence of mind of Sir

Hyde Parker, when he forced the passage of the North River, above New York, early in the American war, under circumstances as trying to an officer as ever happened in a hazardous enterprise. Mr. Addington said he was then almost thirty years younger; that he should prefer him to command the great fleet in the Channel, but that for such a service as that at Copenhagen he should prefer Lord Nelson; from whence I infer that Sir Hyde has stated to Ministers some greater difficulties in the way of destroying the Danish fleet than were expected."

Amid the large number of letters contained in these volumes, there are many which clear up some old political difficulties, — adding much that is new to the details of Pitt's conduct with regard to Catholic Emancipation, the peace, and his pecuniary affairs—to arrange which the King was desirous of personally and usefully interfering. On the other hand, the Editor, now and then, adds assurances of his own, which we take leave to question. As, for example, when he tells us that at the peace concluded between Russia and the Porte, in 1791, "better terms for Turkey might have been obtained, had not Mr. Pitt been thwarted by Mr. Adair, who was sent to St. Petersburg, by Mr. Fox, for that very purpose." We confess that we thought this old Tory legend had long been worn out. We are certain that few Tories give credence to it; and, finally, the assertion has been repeatedly and satisfactorily refuted.

But we turn from this subject to exhibit the ministerial way of looking after the welfare of England, in 1803. The extract is from the Diary, and the Count referred to is that odd-looking envoy, Woronzow,—Russian ambassador,—and father of the Countess, of Pembroke: "Previous to Lord Whitworth leaving Paris, in May last, the Count received from his Court clear

"Previous to Lord Whitworth leaving Paris, in May last, the Count received from his Court clear and distinct instructions to propose to the King the mediation of Russia for terminating the differences between Great Britain and France, which he immediately communicated to Lord Hawkesbury, waiting impatiently for an answer. After a fortnight had elapsed without his receiving one, he saw in the newspapers a speech of Mr. Addington, in a debate on the war, containing a declaration that if the interposition of Russia had been offered, due regard would have been paid to it; in short, that it would have been made available as far as possible. Astonished at such an assertion, the Count wrote immediately to Lord Hawkesbury to remonstrate upon it, stating that, as the English debates were translated and inserted in many of the newspapers on the Continent, his Emperor must be filled with surprise when he should see such a statement from the first Minister of this country after the instructions he had given on the subject to him (the Count); to which his Lordship replied that the speech of Mr. Addington had been incorrectly given in the papers, as he had not made such an assertion as stated; adding that he had not yet had time to lay the offer of the Emperor of Russia before the King, but that he would take an early opportunity of doing so. He had then, as has been already observed, had that offer in his possession more than a fortnight; and, in the debate alluded to, Mr. Fox pressed the Ministers so hard respecting the mediation of Russia, that in order to get rid of his motion for an address to the King to seek it, they positively undertook to try to obtain it. On which the Count observed to me, that by doing so, they would have given to Mr. Fox the merit of the measure, if it should have succeeded; which, however, by their conduct, they had prevented any chance of, as the Emperor could hope for no success in a mediation into which the British Government was reluctantly forced."

These details read like incidents of the present day; but here is a little Post-office anecdote, which, we fancy, could hardly have its parallel now:—Pitt writes to Rose at Cuffnells, Hampshire, adding in a postscript, "I send this under Hammond's cover to the Postmaster

at Southampton, to be forwarded from thence."
On which we have the following

"Note by Miss Rose.—The precaution of sending the letter under cover, was in consequence of letters of Mr. Pitt to my father, and others, having been intercepted. After he ascertained that, they were directed by others, and not sealed by his seal. Some time after, when we were in London, the floor-cloth in the entrance-hall was taken up, and under it, near the door, one of the intercepted letters was found by the housemaid; indeed there had been a heavy mat on the floor-cloth, and the sill of the door was worn hollow by many feet. It seemed to have been pushed under the door by a stick, and accidentally slipped under the floor-cloth. Who had intercepted and opened the letter there could not be a doubt; and more, very little doubt who found it (where, as it was of no consequence it was probably left), and put it under the door. The then Postmaster-General lived in Palace-Yard, very near."

Throughout these volumes the "good old George the Third" is revealed to us as of a more strongly partizan spirit than ever. There is something exquisitely simple in the confession of this father of his people, that he could always forgive any injury,—when he forgot it!—but what he could not forget he could not forgive. Of his party-spirit excited by flattery here is an amusing trait. The time is May, 1804:—

"The King went to Windsor on the 26th, and returned the 29th; but I did not learn with absolute certainty what passed while he was there till this day. I learn, however, now, most positive information from a source the most entirely unquestionable, that His Majesty while there was not so tranquil as he had been for some time before. On passing through Eton, on his way down, the boys of the school cheered as he passed, and followed the carriages to the Castle, cheering again when they got there, which had such an effect on His Majesty that the next day he said to some of the boys, 'he had always been partial to their school; that he had now the additional motive of gratitude for being so; and that in future he should be an Anti-Westminster.'"

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In the months of September and October, 1804, the King and part of the royal family resided in Mr. Rose's mansion at Cuffnells during a few days and nights, on their way to Weymouth. The honour must have been a burthensome one to the host, who was compelled to be up early, ride hard and far, sometimes in drenching rain, and listen to little confidential gossips from which he was anxious to escape. Mr. Rose, however, turned these rides and some walks to good account, setting down in his Diary the conversations he had held with the King. In one of these, referring to the persons to be appointed to superintend the education of the Princess Charlotte, His Majesty furnished his host with some pleasant reminiscences of his own old tutors:—

"His Majesty told me that most serious inconvenience had arisen from disagreements and intrigues amongst those who were entrusted with the care of his education; mentioning Dr. Thomas, afterwards Bishop of Winchester, and Mr. George Scott, afterwards a Commissioner of Excise, as men of unexceptionable characters (preceptor and sub-preceptor). But he considered Dr. Hayter, Bishop of Norwich, as an intriguing, unworthy man, more fitted to be a Jesuit than an English Bishop; and as influenced in his conduct by the disappointment he met with in failing to get the archbishopric of Canterbury. His Majesty added that his lordship was the author of the gross and wicked calumny on George Scott; accusing him, a man of the purest mind, and most innocent conduct, of having attempted to poison his wife. The King then spoke of Lord Waldegrave and Lord Harcourt (both, I believe, his governors, they were certainly both about him), the first as a depraved, worthless man, the other as well-inten-

tioned, but wholly unfit for the situation in which

Of his own eldest son, the King had much worse to say,—much worse than we have hitherto heard from many another source, adding an unpleasant feature to his character, which the world may, indeed, have suspected, but of which it had not been assured :-

"Of Lord North His Majesty was beginning to speak in very favourable terms, when we were interrupted by the Princess Amelia (who, with the other Princesses, was riding behind us) getting a most unfortunate fall. The horse, on cantering down an inconsiderable hill, came on his head, and threw her Royal Highness flat on her face. rose, without any appearance of being at all hurt, but evidently a good deal shaken; and, notwithstanding an earnest wish to avoid occasioning the slightest alarm, was herself not desirous of getting on horseback again; but the King insisted that she should, if at all hurt, get into one of the carriages and return to Cuffnells to be bled, or otherwise ount another horse and ride on. She chose the latter, and rode to Southampton, where she lost some blood unknown to the King. I hazarded an advice, that no one else would do, for her Royal Highness's return, which was certainly not well received, and provoked a quickness from His Majesty that I experienced in no other instance. He observed that he could not bear that any of his family should want courage. To which I re-plied, I hoped His Majesty would excuse me if I plied, I noped His majesty wound excuse them a said I thought a proper attention to prevent the ill effects of an accident that had happened was no symptom of a want of courage. He then said with some warmth:—'Perhaps it may be so; but I thank God there is but one of my children who wants courage,—and I will not name HIM, because he is to succeed me.' I own I was deeply pained at the observation, and dropped behind to speak to General Fitzroy, which gave a turn to the conversation.

The highest honour to which Mr. Rose attained was the "offer" of being appointed attained was the "offer" of being appointed Chancellor of the Exchequer,—an offer made by Mr. Perceval at the "command" of the King. He had two reasons for declining the offer. He was in his sixty-sixth year, and, on looking at the financial condition of the country, he found the expenditure about 54,000,000% and the available income 25,500,000l. Terrified by the amount he would have to raise by loan to equalize those sums, he avoided the honour, and went straight, to calm his mind, to church, where he heard something applicable

to his case then, as it is to ours now :my thoughts and attention to, on the offer made to of the Chancellorship of the Exchequer, I went to the Abbey (where I had not been for a great number of years), to hear the Dean of Westminster. In a sermon, remarkable for eloquence and energy, he touched on our domestic state; and, speaking of the heavy taxes to which the people are subject, stated the distinction between those which were mposed on them, from the necessity of the case, by their own representatives, and the tribute they must have paid on the demand of a foreign prince, if they had not been saved by great exertions, attended unavoidably by privations. Then alluding to expenditure, he said he had nothing to do with t, which must be accounted for to the proper unal. A whimsical coincidence with what I had been employed upon to the last minute of my going into the church."

The year in which this occurred was the Jubilee year of the King's accession, and the "drum ecclesiastic" did not beat in every pulpit on that day so persuasively as at the Abbey; at Christ Church, Hants, the Rev. Mr. Clapham said, in the course of his sermon, that

A future historian, perhaps partially informed, might say of this reign (here various misfortunes occurring in it or attributed to it, were cited), that, beginning with a debt of one hundred millions: that the middle class, by far the most respectable,

was annihilated: that wars, begun without necessity, had terminated in failure and disgrace: that the blood and treasure of the nation had been fruitlessly lavished in expeditions professed to suc-cour nations, who either asked it not, or would not contribute to the deliverance we pretended to offer them: that the people were loaded with a weight of taxes absolutely (or hardly) supportable: and, that we were to be told of the financial prosperity of the country! And we were to judge by it of the happiness of the people!" He then said. Kings were, however, more to be pitied than blamed, being often (or generally) surrounded with designing and selfish men: that they could not sometimes avoid being mischievous: that we must recollect they were men and liable to err.' He then proceeded to say, that 'however these matters might be, submission to the higher authorities was a duty; that factious and designing men would mislead to mischief: that there were discontented men, who would be such even in the kingdom of heaven.' In the letter in which the preceding was enclosed, my son told me that the captain of the Horse Artillery (Mac Donald), a sensible and temperate man, was so disgusted that he walked out of the church before the sermon was ended, and declared that his men should never enter the church again when Mr. Clapham preached."

Mr. Clapham had a narrow escape of being arrested as a traitor; but nothing came of his boldness, save the intense official horror of Mr. Rose, who was little less horrified at finding the Duke of Cumberland, not only reading Cobbett himself, but recommending a perusa of that demagogue's paper to the friend, pupil and worshipper of Pitt!

The gradual passing away of the King into mental death is painfully traced by Mr. Rose; and there is a touching trait of the old monarch, pronouncing the cause of the last shipwreck of his intellect:-

his intellect:—
"Friday, November 2nd.—Very little variation in
the state of the King's health. In the course of
yesterday, while talking to himself, he enumerated
the causes of each of the derangements with which ad been afflicted, and concluded with saying, This was occasioned by poor Amelia.'

Saddest of histories or romances was that of the king's youngest and fairest daughter,—but on this Mr. Rose does not touch. With ladies of less rank he is less scrupulous. When the Regency was established, the entire world of quidnuncs anticipated an immediate change in the Ministry, and could not account for the non-fulfilment of their anticipations. Mr. Rose explains it:-

I have heard from one channel that his Royal Highness in forbearing to change the Administra-tion, acted upon the advice of Lady Hertford and Mrs. Fitzherbert; and, through another channel, that Mrs. Fitzherbert was sent for to London, and that the Prince was some hours with her. After which she told a person who talks freely with her, that she was not at liberty to state any particular, but 'that some people would meet with a disappointment they were not in the least aware lluding to the Opposition."

With this we leave this Diary and Correspondence to our readers. It contains the history of an eventful period, written by one who knew much that was hidden from the outer world. In this respect the volumes will be valuable for reference. They also contain incidents to interest or amuse the general reader, -such as the chapters devoted to Nelson's Lady Hamilton,—and to the murderous attack by Sellis on the Duke of Cumberland.

Woman-[La Femme]. By J. Michelet. (Paris, Hachette & Co.)

of a rose-water Voltaire? Would he be immortalized as a distiller of natural science or as a mimic of Rousseau, philosophizing upon love, and pretending to trace its action through fluid and fibre to the inmost recesses of human being? We are without guide to the literary ambition of M. Michelet; but it must be confessed that, unconsciously or otherwise, he is degenerating into a mere Malvolio, and that a Malvolio at once grey-headed and pru-rient. In his work on the ante-revolutionary epochs of France, he wrote with masculine spirit, although even then, whenever a Rhenish Diana or a Louis-Quinze Aspasia appeared upon the scene, it was his pleasure to manipulate the subject until the argument became either fatiguing or of ambiguous tendency. The treatise on birds, and that on insects, afforded little scope for the play of M. Michelet's somewhat Oriental imagination; but the essay on love was a pungent compound of science, sensuality and hazy idealism, toned down by the moraland hazy idealism, toned down by the moral-izings of the stage and the prudery of the studio. In this book on Woman, however, we are intro-duced, in the author's person, to the very Pyg-malion of letters. M. Michelet, so to speak, spreads out his Rosicrusian table; he takes earth and fire, and blends them; he catches something from heaven and a little from Avernus; and he creates the image and the soul, crude and blank, of a young girl. Then the necromancy rises to a diviner level; he adjusts her brain, tunes her nerves, shapes her limbs, trains her into attitudes of grace, polishes her skin, tints her eyes, arranges for alternations of crimson and white upon her lips, tinsels her hair, bathes her in spiritualism, clothes her in nair, bathes her in spiritualism, clothes her in fine linen, vivid silks and a coquettish hat, and turns her forth, not only perfect, but French, which is better. She may be Psyche or Pallas, St. Angelica, whipped with religious rods, or Celestine, in wine-coloured velvet, sparkling in her rose-and-gold chair, under a milky way of chandeliers, and amid a zodiac of lesser lights. All this is in M. Michelet's creed; but with what tumid and superfluous unction does he dwell upon his task, diving into profundities of mystical sentimentalism, apostrophizing, splitting doubly-split hairs of definition, mixing up shreds and patches of pedantry with an endless incoherence of enthusiasm, and working out a theory, beginning with dissection and ending with the immortality of the soul. M. Michelet, in point of fact, has two objects in writing upon women:-in the first place, he gives form to his transcendental ideas,—and in the next he pictures himself to the jealous reader as a man encircled by a bevy—a hundred maidens lily-white, as Spenser would say—and that they listen at his feet; while he, fascinating and eloquent, sets forth how they may become all but divine, by exalting their natures, by studying painting and music, by natures, by studying painting and music, by wearing their hair according to Parisian laws, by reflecting on the peculiarities of black women, and by resembling, so far as possible, the figures in cheap French chromo-lithographs,—green - boddiced, gold-haired, pink-faced, sleepy-eyed, with parted lips and discontented

The proper study of mankind is Woman, according to a hundred writers of our day,who, in spite of the protest addressed to Addison, insist upon laying down sumptuary laws, —proscribing balloon skirts, and prescribing Balmoral boots,—meddling with everything appertaining to feminine interests, from petti-Br which of his works would M. Michelet coats to Puseyism,—recommending one set of young girls to overhaul gigantic drapers' parrest his fame on the virile and brilliant, albeit fantastic, twenty volumes of French history, or on his review of the modern world, in the style exercises, the line shall be drawn between

archery and rifle-shooting, - and otherwise taking upon themselves to regulate, by a code made up of old and new fancies, opinions, or prejudices, the world of women. M. Michelet rows with the tide; but he is nothing, if not rows with the tude; but he is nothing, if not extraordinary; and, moreover, he must be intrinsically, supremely, and, in the most exaggerated degree, French. Not knowing over what depths he may pass, we weigh anchor with him at the question, why so many girls never marry?—this precedes a sketch of the working-woman's life, whether as a peasant, a domestic servant a semostres or as a governess. domestic servant, a sempstress, or as a governess, a writer, or an actress. In due course, the problems thus suggested are partially referred, for explanation, to a gentleman with a scalpel in his hand, who removes the top of her skull, and descends into the realm of vital and nervous mysteries. The effect of light on the brain of an infant, the aurora of religious belief, the awakening of fancy in childish games, the engendering of love, and the instinct of maternity,-all these and sundry other recondite topics are analytically treated, the Pygmalion image still lying on the operator's table, unless when removed to bowl a hoop, nurse a baby, read Athenæus, compare Cleopatra with Isis, ride Una's lion, or dress an orphan in the garments of Charity. Having acted these parts, under the inspiration of her Cagliostro, the vivified automaton re-lapses, and M. Michelet's ideal is lost in a flesh-coloured cloud, very like the pink gauze of a nymph-group in an opera.

Man-so runs the complaint of M. Michelet -lives too far apart from woman. He is the railway traveller flying at full speed; she, with the same point of departure, follows slowly.
"A silent table and a frozen couch" typify her loveless life. In society, he and she stand aloof except when, by the magic of some sweet tyranny, a courteous hostess compels the one to converse with the other. Now, bearing all this in mind, why do numbers of men avoid and escape marriage? Firstly, the author solemnly states, for reasons connected with the wickedness of human nature; but chiefly-he keeps within his orbit-because the Frenchwoman has individuality. "She is a person," which is phenomenal. We might retort that an Englishwoman is an Englishwoman and something more, while the Frenchwoman is a Frenchwoman, and that only; but why be controversial? In France, proceeds M. Michelet, the ties of marriage are weak, and the bonds of family strong. This leads up, by the zigzag process, to a lament over the extravagances of modern dress, and to a portrait:-

A beautiful woman, wantonly attired (a woman, however, not a girl), twenty-five years of age, ballooned in a new robe of silk, blue as heaven, shot with white—a masterpiece from Lyons—which she ostentatiously trails across the dirtiest places. The earth scarcely carries her. Her fair and lovely head, her nose tossed up to the wind, her little Amazonian hat—which gives the appearance of a doubtful sort of page—everything about her says, "I mock the world." I felt that this idol, monstrously infatuated with herself, in spite of her haughtiness, did not the less belong to those

who flattered her.

Well, but with the lapse of each generation there are eighteen millions of young girls in Trance to marry. Some must fail, and they must work. "Take the children," said Pitt; "take the women," saith, under compulsion, French political economy. They labour, and for a half-pennyworth of milk in the morning, of bread at noon, and of bread in the evening, with cheese expends to disconting. with cheese enough to dissatisfy a mouse. "One blushes to be a man," writes M. Michelet, but it is well that he admits the existence in France, under the purple surface of society, of

The French sempstress asks for bread, and that only; no beer, no wine, no meat; she petitions for a place in this globe one step removed from the grave. Such is the picture drawn for us. "The majority die of consumption, especially in the north." Suppose the girl a servant, then "her mistress is generally harsh, especially if the maid be pretty; she is sacrificed in favour of spoiled children, pet monkeys, and malignant cats." Next, examine her position if she be moderately well educated. Imagine her desmoderately well educated. In the state of th temptations; but why is hers a miserable lot? Because, M. Michelet replies, anatomy has revealed to him how delicate are the muscles, and how weak the nerves of a woman. He commemorates one of his dissections, and is intensely morbid on the subject of a dead girl, the victim of a cold taken at a ball. But all this is introductory to the question, how to perfect a woman? The sun begins the work, by influencing the child's brain; then Nature opens its revelations of form and colour to the young-eyed neophyte; next, the mother's duty begins. "Nothing is prettier, nothing more charming than the perplexity of a young mother concerning the management of her baby." And well may she be anxious. Of young persons who die in France, a fourth do so before the age of one, a third before that of two, and, as for orphans, "the best hospital for them is the cemetery," according to a cynic whom M. Michelet quotes. But, when its life has evaporated, the child is a beautiful subject of study. Could anything be more specially and hyper-bolically French than the following rhapsody?—

The brain of a child one year old, seen for the first time, resembles a large and superb camellia, with its ivory nerves, veined with delicate rosy traces, and elsewhere of a pale blue. I say ivory for want of a better term; it is an immaculate

M. Michelet disputes with Madame Necker on the question whether "femininity" begins to develope itself in girls before ten years of age; he holds that the principle is exhibited at five; but it is a relief to pass from these speculations to his general compliment, "wo-man is a religion." Immediately afterwards "she is an altar." But we return to the playground, and have a disquisition upon toys, gossip, children's gardens, cooking, house-keeping and discipline, the whole of which is to be ordered upon the syrup system, with never a reference to Madame Croquemitaine and her birch, that terrible woman and her twigs being vulgar institutions, worthy only of admission into provincial nurseries, whither M. Michelet's instructions have not pene-trated. At fourteen his idealized child is a girl, a woman fit for inspection, averse from the society of boys; her mother no longer calls her "my bird," or "my butterfly"; she sings, but not simple melodies; she comprehends the meaning of history and religion; she becomes herself a teacher of the world and a living philosophy. She may now enter the sphere of etherial Indian hymns, read Sakuntala under a shade of flowery arches; she is now a sorceress and a queen. A very pleasant idea for little ladies of fourteen. "Dear children," they have not yet seen the sculptures in the Louvre; go thither, Plutarch in hand; glance at Melpomene, stand still before Minerva. Thus, Pygmalion makes use of veritable marble, and that from the Grecian quarries. Thence canvas and colour, the memorial of Andrea del Sarto, tell her how the Roman daughter nourished the Roman father wast depths of poverty, famished and diseased. at her virginal breast. In due succession the

epic of womanly heroism may be recited, and we then lift up our tender and polished girl and set her down in the midst of a family.

But is her education complete? Far from it. That which must now be done depends upon her nationality. If she be a Juliet, she must not be treated as a Joan of Arc; if a Persian, not as a Greek; if an English, not as Persian, not as a Greek; if an English, not as a French, woman. "Africa," for instance, "is a woman," and produces women of a unique type. The young negress, in blood, heart, and limb, is gentle, mild, supple, ready to prostrate herself, to be chastized and grateful, and meekly to obey. "Love her, and she will do all, learn all." Africa is a red Isis, herden the statement of th daughter is a rosier rose than that of Europe; naturally, she yearns to the French; she cannot blend with English or Germans; they mismderstand her sibylline nature. In one word, to be French is to dominate the world:—

The French character possesses more individuality than any other in Europe. Hence it is the most difficult to analyze. I speak of girls especially.

The men differ less, moulded as they are in the army, by centralization, and by a uniform educa-tional system. Between one French woman and another there may be infinite contrasts.

English and German women are monotonously moulded; but the French woman of the South is like a fresh wild strawberry. All this M. Michelet writes, as if seriously.

The lonely thoughts of a young wife, waiting for her husband's return, furnish a chapter; and then ensues a sermon on the text, "They have only been married eight days, and already they are fond of one another!" As if, however, enamoured of his African theory, M. Michelet plunges once more into Nigritian obscurity, parallelizing on the fecundity of the earth and of certain races; and after returning to the humilities of love, closes with an illuminated transparency, depicting the beauties, energies, thoughts, weakness, sin, virtue, glory, shame, graces and embarrassments of women, by this time perfect-perfection not excluding sweet and pretty naughtinesses - and we shut the book, which we have preferred to skim rather than to quote, wondering whither next M. Michelet's philosophy may wander.

Harry Evelyn; or, Romance of the Atlantic: a Naval Novel founded on Facts. By Vice-Admiral Hercules Robinson. (J. Blackwood.)

Admiral Robinson has taken the advice which we ventured to give some time since to the naval veterans of his generation. He has collected a number of curious stories about those whom our youngsters call the "old school," and a whole handful of them is in the book before us. To make a pudding, however, you must have a bag as well as the stuff for it; and the Admiral's form for embodying his material —his bag, in short—is a little story, of which one Harry Evelyn and his friend, Charley Heber, are the heroes. How they go yachting, and how they get married—(one of them wedding a Braganza, whom he appears to consider only his equal in family after all)—it is our duty to let the reader discover for himself. He will find it better even as a story than might be expected; though subtle portraiture and high Art are out of the scope and purpose of the work. What we like best—and what we claim our right to draw a little on—is the worldword of the work. medley of nautical anecdote interspersed throughout the narrative. The Admiral tells an anecdote capitally,—sketches an historical personage with spirit and liveliness,—and claims the merit of having produced a thoroughly readable book. One would recognize his persons and things as drawn from reality,

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even if he did not frequently clinch them by an emphatic "fact" at the bottom of the page. The Irish have contributed little to the seastories of the world,—so we will allow the following Irish story to take precedence,—the captain of Evelyn's yacht loquitur:—

"Nobody but an Irishman could have made Billy Mooney's voyage to Portingale.'—'What was that?' said Charley.—'Oh! said old Music, 'I thought you must have heard it, but I'll tell you; you need not call the captain over; in course he has heard it. You must know, Sir, that Billy Mooney was the luckiest fellow in Waterford, and finest hooker-the mackrell came into his boat of their own accord. Well, one fine summer's orning he met old Moriarty, the master of the morning he master of the day and the captain and the quay— the top of the morning to Capt. Moriarty, 'said Billy...' Morning, Tim,' said the captain. They got into talk accordingly. 'Well,' said the captain, 'I hear, Billy, that you have lots of money in the savings' bank....' A thrifle, Captain—a thrifle; can I sarve you?'...' No Billy, the 'want to horsew, but to halve you to the way. Idon't want to borrow, but to help you to make every pound ten. I'll tell you how to do it, by cheating the Portuguese. You would not mind that, Billy? the Portuguese. You would not mind that, Billy '
"Why, no, captain; that same would be a help to
an honest poor man."—'Well, then,' said Moriarty
the great Duke is scrimmaging with the French
at Lisbon, and he has not a lumper or a pink-eye
in his camp. Load your hooker and take them to
Lisbon, and you'll get sixpence a piece for every
murphy."—'But how am I to find my way, captain'
"'Why, take the first strong north wind,' said
Moriarty: 'cet a compass, and run hefore it Moriarty; 'get a compass, and run before it S.S.W. till you cross the Bay of Biscay, and, when you make the coast of Portugal, any one will tell you the way to Lisbon. Look out for Belem Castle, then run up to the town and sell the cargo.—'Til en run up to the town and sell the cargo.'- 'I'll said Billy; and there was self-sufficience! Well, away he started, got the hooker before it, and her head S.S.W.; then he said to the compass, and ner nead s.S. W.; then he said to the compass,
'I 'spect my boy,' said he, 'you're a slippery fellow
to dale with,' and he nailed the card to the binnacle.
Before night they lost sight of land, and they
bowled away before the wind; but next morning
it fell calm. 'Worse luck,' said Billy; 'but boldly
ventured is half won, and we'll win yet.' Well, up sprung the breeze, and away they went before S.S.W., and after three or four days no land, and S.S.W., and after three or four days no land, and then another calm and another breeze, till three weeks passed, and they saw nothing. 'Oh, milla murdher,' said Billy, 'but I'm fairly sould,' when they cried out, 'Land ahead.'—'Blessed be God!' said Billy, 'but there it is at last,' and as they drew in he said, 'May I never brathe if Poortingale aimt moighty like Waterford, and shure Balaam castle has a striking resemblance to the Hook Lighthouse! When they came close in there were the boats fishing, and they cried out, 'Welcome home, Billy, with the dollyers! aint Billy the ganius, ooh, ooh, ooh?' Well, Billy never got the better of it, and that all came of self-sufficience."

We are always delighted to hear of Lord Collingwood, one of the greatest men and most thorough gentlemen this island ever produced,—a character still exciting literary appreciation and delineation. The Admiral gives us some most characteristic details about him,—details due evidently to somebody's absolute personal knowledge of the great, odd, old seaman:—

"He entered the navy at a time of rough and rude struggling, a coarseness little better than that described by Smollett in Roderick Random. We remember Lord St. Vincent leaving his berth for the loss of twenty pounds, messing on his chest, washing his own clothes, and making a pair of the trousers out of the ticking of his bed. In these scenes the illustrious Collingwood passed the soft and impressible period of a midshipman's life for making a pair of the flatulent luxury which it afforded. The forty years of Collingwood's veneration for pea-soup and in consequence, when he became a wealthy peer, caring nothing about money, he considered pea-soup and a slice of ship's pork food for the gods, and brown sugar seeing my friend (a frightened boy) across the quite good enough for any gentleman, and that the habitual use of white would be approaching to the his luxury. The admiral, seeing my friend (a frightened boy) across the table, kindly invited him to drink wine before any habitual use of white would be approaching to the

allowance as a boy was very narrow, but he always lived within it. He had too much regard for his independence and dignity to go in debt, and his axiom was, 'that the difference between the prodigal and the frugal consisted in this: that the one indulged himself, and the other denied himself. The self-love of one was exercised in discovering what little present he could make himself—what the dearly beloved Ego wanted; whilst the other considered not what he required, but what he could considered not what he required, but what he could do without. We are all creatures of habit and education, and, when the need for frugality had passed away, the practice was followed mechanically and unconsciously. He would never risk men's lives for mere prize-money; and, not caring a maravedi for his own life, he was always ready to hazard that for the king's service or the honour of his country—requiescat in pace, he was a noble speci-men of a patriot sailor. The only thing he seemed to care much about, after the success of his country's arms, the care of his crew, and the frugality of human life, was, that his daughters should be well up in the first six books of Euclid, acquainted with conic sections, and that the king's stores were carefully husbanded. 'Oh, Mr. Mullins! Mr. Mullins!' he groaned out to the master of the Excellent, as she was getting belaboured on the 14th of February by two Spanish line-of-battle ships, 'Oh, Mr. Mullins! they never shifted that beautiful new fore-topsail before we came into action, and now they won't leave it worth a pin.' My friend described to me the first dinner to which he was invited on joining the Ocean. He was a sharp boy and wide awake, but said the fes-tival was considerably more formidable than the battle of Trafalgar, in which he had taken a part a year before. There are some things we never a year before. forget, indeed we never forget anything; but there are some articles which lie at the top of our cerebral portmanteau, whilst others are stowed away below—amongst those on the surface are away below—amongst those on the surface are events which are burned in by fright. My friend described the dinner very minutely. He said, 'The guests, to the number of sixteen, were assembled round a long table placed across the fore-cabin. Amongst the convives were three or four captains of the fleet, who had been invited to dinner by signal in the morning, the admiral, the captain, the secretary, the first and the flag lieutenants, the chaplain and the surgeon, the officer of the forenoon watch, and three or four middies. The admiral sat at the side with two of the captains invited, one on each hand; at the end was Thomas, the excellent captain of the ship, who was perhaps the fittest man in the navy to manage his peculis chief, and who performed the duties of captain of the fleet, captain of the ship, nautical adviser, and various other functions. Cosway, the clever, amiable secretary, sat at the other end, and the rest of the party were placed indifferently, my friend finding himself seated en face of the great chief-tain. The cloth was of finished damask, the forks, and spoons, and salt-cellars, were of silver, en-graved with the recent coronet and the ancient Collingwood crest, but the rest of the table furniture was of white crockery. There was a roast leg of mutton at the head, and a large ham at the bottom; there was also a dish of cods' sounds in their covering of egg-sauce, and a dish of boiled chickens. At the bottom, fried bacon and liver were seen. At the top, there was soup in a swinging tureen; and before the admiral was swinging tureen; and before the admiral was placed a flat piece of ship pork nicely browned, the purpose of which was speedily apparent, for it was neatly cut up by his Lordship in sixteen deli-cate slices, one of which was put into each of the sixteen plates as they were brought round, and

had been utterly unmindful of all antique nautical bienstance; for he observed the admiral, before he drank his glass, say to his neighbour, 'Lord Henry Paulett, I have the honour to drink your good health; Sir John Gore, your good health; Captain Otway, your health'; and so on all round. My friend determined to cure his blot if he could, and when next asked to drink wine, he propounded his sanitary invocation first to the admiral, and then to every one at each side of the table, ending with his messmate, Thomas Parr, round the muscles of whose mouth he observed a quiver, which might have developed itself into a smile, if it were admissible on so solemn an occasion. All this ceremony was somewhat appalling; but the Amontillado gradually melted the ice, and it became rather agreeable, especially when the giver of the feast recounted some of his 'moving accidents,' not exactly of the 'anthropophagi, and men, whose heads do grow beneath their shoulders.'"

Nobody will deny that these details add to our power of realizing "old buddie," as the Service called him, and so have a value much above that of the mere fictitious sketches of ordinary writers. The men capable of adding to them are passing away. Why should not we have more such material preserved? If we know so much personally of Scott and Byron, why not of the active great men of the last part of the eighteenth century and the beginning of this? Let our old Admirals look to it,—and, above all, when they think some bit of personal and individual detail too trifling for record, down with it,—it is pretty sure to be curious. Meanwhile, we recommend the present little book of Admiral Robinson's with great pleasure.

The Platonic Dialogues for English Readers.
By William Whewell, D.D. Vol. I. Dialogues of the Socratic School, and Dialogues referring to the Trial and Death of Socrates.
(Macmillan & Co.)

WE have often longed, not to "unsphere the spirit of Plato," but to have him visit us in such a familiar shape as Dr. Whewell has here presented him to all English readers. So readable is the book that no young lady need be deterred from undertaking it; and we are much mistaken if there be not fair readers, who will think, as Lady Jane Grey did, that hunting or other female sport is but a shadow compared with the pleasure there is to be found in Plato. If quick, apprehensive English girls are not to be taught Greek as they were in an earlier time -and as Mrs. Browning and Coleridge's daughter were, without any loss of gentleness, in our own days—why should they not converse with such lovers of wisdom as still speak and move in these dramatic pages? For neither did Socrates live, nor Plato pourtray him, only for the Athenians. The main questions which the Greek master and his disciples discuss are not fit simply for theses in Moral Philosophy Schools, or such as seem natural to academic walks, and simultaneous in origin with languid river shadows,-they are questions, real and practical, which concern Englishmen in public and private life, or their sisters or wives who are busy in lowly or aristocratic households. Questions of right and wrong, and the advantages of the one over the other for the individual or the State,—questions of Art and Science, of edu-cational reform, of legislation which is preventive rather than remedial, -of the virtues which children in national schools ought to be taught, and the training which educes the best qualities of body as well as mind.—When the conversation turns, as it sometimes does, upon matters of mere temporary Greek interest, or runs into subtleties now alike improbable and old, the Master of Trinity has wisely resorted to omission or abridgment, preserving only such

passages as exhibit the fondness of the Athenian sage for definition and distinction of words, and that accuracy of language which is one of the characteristics of truthfulness in Art. Dr. Whewell is not disposed to discover any high philosophical aim or profundity in these arguments, but views them rather as "juvenile exer-cises, which belong to the infancy of systematic thinking; concerning ambiguities of words and confusions of notions, which may perplex children, but which any thoughtful man can see through." Socrates, if not literally reported and photographed, as Xenophon gave him, is the central figure in real Platonic dialogue, real enough even for Athenian recognition in his native shabby cloak, out of which that keen, sagacious face of his projects, with an undoubted snub nose, and "strong circles of wrinkles round each eyebrow." In some respects, he is the Cobbett of his era, as far as his plain, blunt method of putting questions and making uncomfortable home-thrusts goes, — although he is not, as his enemies represent, a revolutionary or irreligious person. Sound knowledge, absolute justice, disinterested govern-ment, honest and unsectarian education and religion are what he desires, and fails to find in the established form of things. He confesses, nevertheless, loving, with all their faults, Athens, Athenians, and their institutions. He bows his head in the Temple of Minerva, worshipping a God unseen; and imitates the wise poet, who, when he sees his friends "praying for what was not good for men, though they thought so, makes a prayer for all in common." So great is his respect for law and order, that he will do nothing against it, nor even avail himself of an unworthy means of escape, when the Thirty Tyrants have condemned him as an enemy of Athens. Without insisting upon any close parallel, we cannot help noticing, as Dr. Whewell has done, the date of these Dialogues. Athens was preparing to ward off an Asiatic invasion, and even philosophers and men of science had to think about soldiering. The first Dialogue which Dr. Whewell has translated makes allusion to a new military gymnastic exercise, which two country gentlemen, anxious to give their sons a good education, are talking about, with Nicias and Laches, two eminent military men of the time.

Nicias gives his opinion in favour of it, for

several reasons :-

"It keeps young men out of worse employment of their leisure, gives them strength and agility, is a preparation for actual war, both in the rank and in single affrays; and is likely to set young men upon learning other parts of the art of war. It would also, he says, make a man braver and bolder than he would otherwise be; and, a thing he says not to be despised, would give him a military carriage which would inspire awe. 'So that,' he says in conclusion, 'I think, and for these reasons, that it is a good thing to teach the young men this exercise."

Laches, on the other hand, who is a blunt, stiff, old soldier, places no great reliance on the plan. He subjoins an odd instance of failure:—

"Those who have studied these special exercises, by some curious fatality, never get any credit in real fighting. There was Stesileos, whom you, as well as I, have seen exhibiting before large audiences, and with vast pretensions: but I saw him make another exhibition of a more real kind without intending it. He had got a spear with a sickle at the end, a special contrivance for such a special person as himself; and when the ship on which he was came to close quarters with one of the enemy's ships, I must tell you what became of this contrivance of his. He stuck it into the rigging of the adverse ship, and pulled hard, but could by no means get it loose: the ships then went opposite ways passing side along side; and he had to run along his ship to keep hold of his spear;

and when the ships parted, the shaft of the spear glided through his hands till he had only hold of the butt-spike of it; his plight produced laughter and cheering in the enemy's crew, till some one threw a stone which fell near his feet on the deck; and he let go his spear; and then the people in our ships could no longer refrain from laughing, wheat they saw that sickle spear of his sticking out of the enemy's vessel."

Dr. Whewell has illustrated his author with parallels from Xenophon and Aristophanes, putting the reader in possession of the thoughts and opinions of the time. Here is a capital passage from the 'Memorabilia,' detailing a young Athenian's notion of the talents required for a leading position in the State:—

for a leading position in the State:—
"'When Glaukon, the son of Ariston, not yet
twenty years old, was obstinately bent on making
a speech to the people of Athens, and could not be
stopped by his other friends and relations, even though he was dragged from the speaker's bema by main force and well laughed at, Socrates did what they could not do, and by talking with him, checked ambitious attempt. "So, Glaukon, "it appears that you intend to take a leading part in the affairs of the State."—"I do, Socrates," he replied.—"And by Jupiter," said Socrates, "if replied.—"And by Jupiter," said Socrates, "If there be any brilliant position among men, that is one. For if you attain this object, you may do what you like, serve your friends, raise your family, exalt your country's power, become famous, in Athens, in Greece, and perhaps even among the barbarians, so that when they see you they will look at you as a wonder, as was the case with Themistocles." This kind of talk took Glaukon's fancy, and he stayed to listen. Socrates then went on—"Of course in order that the city may thus honour you, you must promote the benefit of the city. "Of course," Glaukon said .- "And now," says Socrates, "do not be a niggard of your confidence, but tell me, of all love, what is the first point in which you will promote the city's benefit." And when Glaukon hesitated at this, as having to consider in what point he should begin his performances, Socrates said—"Of course, if you were to have to benefit the family of a friend, the first thing you would think of, would be to make him richer; and in like manner, perhaps you would try to make the city richer."—"Just so," said he.—"Then, of course you would increase the revenues of the city."—
"Probably," said he.—"Good. Tell me now, what are the revenues of the city, and what they arise from? Of course you have considered these points with a view of making the resources which are scanty become copious and of finding some substitute for those which fail."—"In fact," said Glaukon, "Those are points which I have not considered."

"Well, if that be the case," said Socrates, "tell me at least what are the expenses of the city; for of course your plan is to retrench anything that is superfluous in these."—"But, by Jove," said he, "I have not given my attention to this matter."— "Well, then," said Socrates, "we will put off for "Well, then," said Socrates, "we will put off for the present this undertaking of making the city richer; for how can a person undertake such a matter without knowing the income and the out-goings?" Glaukon of course must by this time have had some misgivings, at having his fitness for a prime minister tested by such questioning as this. However, he does not yield at once. 'But, Socra-tes' hear, 'there' we well as the city of public the city tes, he says, 'there is a way of making the city richer by taking wealth from our enemies.'— 'Doubtless there is,' said Socrates, 'if you are stronger than they: but if that is not so, you may by attacking them lose even the wealth you have.' Of course that is so,' says Glaukon .- " then,' says Socrates, 'in order to avoid this mis-take, you must know the strength of the city and of its rivals. Tell us first the amount of our infantry, and of our naval force, and, then that of our opponents.—'O, I cannot tell you that off-hand and without reference.—'Well, but if you have made memoranda on these subjects, fetch them. I should like to hear.'—'No: in fact,'he said, 'I have no written memoranda on this subject.'-'So. Then we must at any rate not begin with war: and indeed it is not unlikely that you have deferred this as too weighty a matter for the very beginning

of your statesmanship. Tell us then about our frontier fortresses, and our garrisons there, that we may introduce improvement and economy by suppressing the superfluous ones.—Here Glaukon has an opinion, probably the popular one of the day. 'I would,' he says, 'suppress them all. I know that they keep guard so ill there, that the produce of the country is stolen.—Socrates suggests that the abolition of guard altogether would not remain of the country is stolen.—Socrates suggether would not remedy the abolition of guards altogether would not remedy this, and asks Glaukon whether he knows by pertant that they keep guard ill.—'No,' sonal examination that they keep guard ill.—'No,' he says, 'but I guess it.'—Socrates then suggests that it will be best to defer this point also, and to act when we do not guess, but know.—Glaukon assents that this may be the better way.—Socrates then proceeds to propound to Glaukon, in the same manner, the revenue which Athens derived from the silver mines, and the causes of its decrea the supply of corn, of which there was a large import into Attica—and Glaukon is obliged to allow that these are affairs of formidable magnitude. -But yet Socrates urges, 'No one can manage even one household without knowing and attending to such matters. Now as it must be more difficult to provide for ten thousand houses than for one, he remarks that it may be best for him to begin with one; and suggests, as a proper case to make the experiment upon, the household of Glaukon's uncle, armides; for he really needs help.'- 'Yes, Glaukon, 'and I would manage my uncle's household, but he will not let me.'—And then Socrates comes in with an overwhelming retort:—'And so, he says 'though you cannot persuade your uncle to allow you to manage for him, you still think you can persuade the whole body of the Athenian uncle among the rest, to allow you to manage for them.' And he then adds the moral of the conversation: What a dangerous thing it is to meddle, either in word or in act, with what one does not

We trust that Dr. Whewell will go on with the remainder of 'Plato's Dialogues.'

The Booke of the Pylgremage of the Sowle. Translated from the French of Guillaume de Guileville, and printed by William Caxton, anno 1483. With Illuminations taken from the MS. Copy in the British Museum. Edited by Katherine Isabella Cust. (Pickering.)

In a former number of this journal, a review appeared of 'The Ancient Poem of Guillaume de Guileville, entitled Le Pèlerinage de l'Homme, one of the earliest works in which the life of man has been allegorized as a pilgrimage, and the striking similarities, of a probably accidental nature, between that production and 'The Pil-grim's Progress' were there pointed out. The present volume, originally written in French by the same hand, and translated into English, as there is internal evidence to show, by the prolific Lydgate, about 1425 or 1430, pictures the vicissitudes of the Soul of Man subsequently to its enfranchisement from its human incarnation, in the same manner that its predecessor represented, under the same allegorical form, the progress of the Spiritual Essence and the temptations and dangers to which it is exposed during its presence in the flesh. The first Pil-grimage of our author exhibited man in his state of probation and trial, exposed to all the snares and toils of the world. In such a composition it was perhaps natural to expect those parallelisms and features of identity which actually exist between it and 'The Pilgrim's Progress.' But in the Second Pilgrimage, which is that more immediately under consideration, the narrative opens at that point when the divorce of the Body from the Soul and the transmigration of the latter are just taking place. We here see the Better Part shake off the bondage of the flesh; we behold it conducted to the Judgment Seat; we hear the award of the Judge, St. Michael the Archangel, and we obtain more than a glimpse of the atone-

ment in Purgatory, and of the final attainment of blessedness, with the ascent of the Soul to Heaven under the escort of the Guardian or "Wardeyn" Angel. In treating that branch of his subject which embraces the intermediate state. De Guileville has been left without a rival, if not without a disciple. The purgatorial expiation formed a theme on which Bunyan was advisedly silent. In the words of the Preface, "Bunyan wisely, perhaps, stopped short at the Death of his Pilgrims; telling, indeed, how they were led by the Shining Ones, who received them beyond the River, to the Gate of Heaven, but passing over in silence the intermediate state. De Guileville, however, living at an earlier period, and in the Romish communion, is restrained by no such scruples. He does not hesitate to answer that question, which must have occurred to many, What is the Soul doing between the moment of its departure from the Body and the Final Judgment? Or again, Is there any previous Judgment?" In a word, the paths of the Puritan and Romish writers become from the opening of the "Second

Filgrimage "widely divergent.

The "Second Pilgrimage" is divided into five books, sub-divided into chapters. It was one of the books which our First Printer selected for publication, as treating on a subject then sufficiently popular; and it issued from the Caxton press in 1483. We must be allowed to dissent from the principle on which certain parts relating all but exclusively to Mariolatry have been omitted by the editor. The class of literature to which De Guileville belongs has indeed no "general" readers: it is a special study; and those few who apply themselves to it are somewhat apt to desire the privilege of

judging for themselves.

It would far exceed our limits to afford an analysis of the curious work before us, or even to make a selection of those passages which are worthy of quotation. The narrative, which, like 'Le Pèlerinage de l'Homme' and 'The Pilgrim's Progress' itself, is in the form of a dream, commences in the following manner:—

"As I laye in a Seynt laurence nyght slepyage in my bedde, me befelle a full merueylous dreme, which I shall reherce. Me thought that I had longe tyme trausyled toward the holy Cyte of Jerusalem, and that I had made an ende and fully fynyshed my fleshely pylgremage; so that I myght no further trauayle vpon my foote, but nedes muste leue behynde my flesshely careyne. Thenne come cruel dethe, and smote me with his venemous darte; thorugh whiche stroke bodye and sowle were partyd asonder. And soo anone I felt my self lyft vp in to the eyer, seying my self departed fro my fowle bodye; whiche, whan I byhelde lyeng al dede withouten ony mouyng, semyd me so fowle and horryble, that, had I nought ryght late ther byfore yasued ther fro, I wold nought have supposed bylore yssued ther iro, I word hought that euer it had ben myn. Thenne come ther to that euer it had ben myn. Thenne come ther to this body the noble worthy lady dame Misericord, this body the noble worthy lady dame lynnen and kevered it, lappyng (it) in a clene lynnen clothe; and so ful honestly leide it in the erthe. I sawe also the Auterer, that clepyd is dame prayer, how that she sped hyr to heuen ward, wonder hasteley bifore me, for to byseke the soverayne lord of grace and of mercy—for no doute I had ful huge mestier ther of."

In the fifth and concluding book, which relates "how the Soul, after Purgatory, is led by its Guardian Angel to Heaven," there is no

beautiful coloured drawings from the Egerton MS., 615, reflects, like its predecessor and companion, high credit on the editor and her coad-jutors, and upon Mr. B. M. Pickering, under whose publishing care both have been pro-

District Duties during the Revolt in the North-West Provinces of India, in 1857: with Remarks on Subsequent Investigations during 1858-59. By H. Dundas Robertson, Bengal Civil Service. (Smith, Elder & Co.)

A useful book on an interesting subject requires no apology. Mr. Robertson, therefore, need not have told us that we owe this volume to his having been unexpectedly detained in Calcutta by the impossibility of procuring a passage to England, when the steamers were overcrowded by officers hurrying home at the close of the war. As one who took the lead in the successful operations against the rebels in the important district of Saháranpúr, and who was subsequently appointed Commissioner "for the investigation and trial of cases connected with the mutiny and rebellion," the writer of these unfinished, but still valuable, sketches, ought to have presented himself to the public before. Had he authoritatively made known the opinions, which he had such excellent data for forming, he would have done much to prevent the spread of false notions about the causes of the revolt and various circumstances connected with it; errors which we have done our best to combat, but which have nevertheless gained ground in some quarters. As Mr. Robertson commences with a brief narrative of his proceedings in Saharanpur, and sums up with general reflections on the rebellion, it will be well to observe the

same sequence. First, then, to explain the locality in which Mr. Robertson acted. Saháranpúr is a considerable district with an area of 2,165 square miles, and a population exceeding 800,000, lying directly to the north of Delhi and Mirat, and between them and the Himálayahs, the lower slopes of which, called the Sewálik range, are its northern boundary. This province was ceded to the British in 1803, by Sindhia, then omnipotent in Upper India. It was full of turbulent races, and the tenure of half a century had not given the foreign ruler a sure hold of it. We learn from this volume that the thing which above all others made the influential classes hostile to the English was the support given to the detested class of usurers by our law courts. To destroy the bonds and fire the

houses of these men seem to have been in the eyes of the rebels the most delicious exercise of their brief authority. Our author records also as another reason of the native aversion to the Faringi, the neglect with which the gentry were treated, European officials having neither time nor inclination to be civil to them. But whatever the cause, the fact indubitably was, that the whole population of Saháranpur district was hostile to the English, and rose against them almost to a man when the rebellion was sufficiently pronounced. To keep down the gangs of robbers and murderers who suddenly overspread the country, Mr. Robert-son had but some half-dozen brother officers, as many Eurasians, 80 Sipáhís of the 29th

fight against their own brothers and kinsmen in the neighbouring villages. It is no wonder, then, that on the 15th of May 1857, when full tidings of the Mirat outbreak had been received, Mr. Robertson was summoned to an anxious consultation with his brother officers as to whether the station could be held or not. There was a treasury at Saháranpúr, and a valuable stud was likewise located there. The fort was strong naturally, but had been made untenable by every kind of mismanagement and imprudence. In such circumstances Mr. Robertson, with a courage worthy of all praise, decided to remain and fight it out, and well and nobly he fulfilled his resolve. By employing the disaffected soldiers against the rebels before the former had time to lay their plans, he continued to hold his ground till a body of Sikh horsemen, sent by the Rájá of Patiyála, and the Nasírí Gorkhas enabled him to chastize rebellion wherever it showed its head.

The behaviour of the 29th Native Infantry, who remained faithful almost down to the Fall of Delhi, and then went off with the treasure, forms one of those incidents of the war which seem to Englishmen so inexplicable. On this

head we read :-

"This company of the 29th Native Infantry was a miniature illustration of the native army. They were all nearly of the same high castes, and from the same or neighbouring villages. Physically superior to the generality of Europeans, they were an extremely handsome set of men. All nearly were actuated by the same feelings of affection or revenge; they saw clearly that the comfort of them-selves and families depended on their fidelity. They had no faith in their own race as paymasters, while the certainty of regular and high pay has been from the commencement of our rule one of the been from the commencement of our rule one of the strongest, perhaps the only real inducement to fidelity amongst our native troops. It will be observed throughout the revolt of 1857, that one of the first demands made by the sepoys to the rebel chiefs was invariably an increased rate of pay, or their services would be transferred elsewhere; and how utterly mercenary they were, even in revolt, and when fighting nominally for a patriotic cause, appears from the manner in which the once deserted the colours of their rebel chiefs w money was not forthcoming, though the country people, in almost all instances, willingly supplied their wants. This, as I have before remarked, is one hopeful feature in calculating the chances of is one noperul reature in calculating the chances of permanency in our rule over the country. With all this deep mercenary feeling, however, the sepoys, from long habit and custom, did actually love and reverence that, to them, incomprehensible power— the old Company Bahador. There was a charm in that great name, which had conquered and ruled with parental care two hundred millions of the human race, and they still wished to continue its honoured servants, for such they were and felt themselves to be, nor hitherto unjustly so."

In the many skirmishes - some of these almost worthy to be called battles — which ensued, Mr. Robertson and his colleagues acquired all the sang-froid and experience of the veteran soldier. He found time to enjoy the chase while still busy with the more important operations of war, and writes pleasantly of the beautiful scenes into which his military duties led him. The following description may per-haps be new to some of our readers, though it may be found in the graver pages of the his-

inconsiderable degree of merit and beauty. The conception and treatment of the subject, however, are, on the whole, rather gross and however, are, on the whole, rather gross and materialistic. In the Judgment Scene, in the first book, all the forms of legal procedure, such as they existed perhaps in the French law courts of the fourteenth century, are closely observed.

The present volume, which is embellished with numerous illustrations, and with some is many Eurasians, 80 Sipáhís of the 29th length o

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stretched out Hindustan, with the various rivers meandering in broad, silvery tracings over its boundless plains, while to the north the eye fol-lows the clear, rapid waters of the Jumna into the rugged labyrinth of the Himalayas. In my opinion, cene is, on the whole, finer than at Hurdwar on the Ganges, as the river there is more rapidly hidden amongst the mountains. In this entrancing spot, Shah Jehan, after all, made but a brief so journ. As usual in Oriental States, oppression attended the footsteps of the monarch, and the surrounding zemindars set their wits to work to get rid of their royal visitor. They wisely determined rid of their royal visitor. They wisely determined to effect this through the Emperor's zanana; for though thus confined, in no country do women possess greater power, or more frequently become political celebrities, than in India. In the neighbouring mountains, goitre is a very common disease so the zemindars collected from thence all the goi tred women they could get hold of, and de despatched them into the zanana with presents of fruit, &c. The universality of the goitre soon at-tracted the attention of the ladies, and to every inquiry the affected replied that none ever lived any length of time in the locality without being afflicted with this disease. As a natural result, Shah Jehan got no peace from the ladies of his household till Padshah Mahal was abandoned for

The reflections with which Mr. Robertson sums up are the most valuable portion of his book. He fully corroborates the views of the Rebellion that have appeared in this journal. Of this, the following passage will furnish a

convincing proof :-

"Though the explosion could not, under any circumstances, have been long warded off, there can be but little doubt that the annexation of Oude exercised the greatest direct share in the mutiny and revolt of 1857, and this was invariably advanced to me in conversation by natives near the centres of revolt as the all-important cause, after centres of revoit as the all-important cause, after other influences had paved the way throughout the territory belonging to the old Oude Nawabee 'vice-royalty' previous to 1801. But in the Delhi territory another chapter of intrigue was opened, of an almost purely Mahomedan type, though the caste and Oude grievances had here also their share as the necessary means of exciting the Na-wabee sepoy, who was the agent in these scenes. Beyond the confines of these two tracts, other influences formed the incentive to revolt, which were, as previously stated, often extremely local in their complexion, and have given rise to much confusion gically accounting for the revolt even amongst the higher class of natives themselves. Thus, nearer the Punjaub, frequently have I heard them attribute the mutiny to the fact, that the sepoys had gone 'must,' similar to a well-kept male elephant, in consequence of being too well cared for and not sufficiently worked; and this, like a great many other things, had its share. But Oude was the real stumbling-block of the day. Two-thirds of our sepoys being recruited either in Oude, or from those surrounding districts which tradition told them rightfully belonged to the old Nawabee, embracing, previous to the annexation of Oude, many of the richest districts in our possession, were all, though living under separate governments, con nected by the closest ties of kindred and inter marriage, rendering them in every respect the same race, influenced by like prejudices or fears. Not unnaturally, then, all looked on the dethronement of the King of Oude in the same light as the Highlanders regarded the expulsion of the Stuarts, and by that step the feudal pride of a powerful, and, in some respects, an aristocratic army was deeply injured. The usual statement, that their deeply injured. The usual statement, that their interests, being affected by the annexation, formed one very strong inducement to mutiny, would hardly seem to be well founded, for never did a class of men so recklessly cast their future prospects to the winds as these sepoys, even when placed in positions where escape after mutiny was almost hopeless. The King of Oude was regarded as the feudal chief; not only by the sepoys of modern Oude, but by those recruited in the ceded districts formerly belonging to the Nawabee 'vice-

royalty,' and the infatuation in supporting a feudal chief is stronger at this day in India, particularly amongst Rajpoots and Chutrees, than it was amongst the Highlanders of Scotland in 1745. I amongst the Highlanders of Scotland in 1730. I was some days with the force which advanced on Lucknow from Cawnpore in 1856, at the annexation of Oude. The secrecy and suddenness with which this large force appeared at Cawnpore, and, after being brigaded together a few days, marched on Lucknow, was certainly for the time a master-stroke, but its effect on the native mind was unmistakeable; even wealthy, fawning mahajuns could not conceal their sentiments regarding the act. If no other motive, however, influenced our movements, as a mere matter of self-defence the annexation of Oude had become absolutely neces sary. The rising spirit of fanaticism which had lately manifested itself at Fyzabad and other places in Oude, might have spread through our own domi nions, and must needs be checked. Nothing short of absorption could effect this. The fatal step, as all know, was not at the same time increasing our European force. But the natives, one and all, viewed this annexation as an act of the deepest treachery, and though at the time the native force employed loyally performed the duty it was called upon to discharge, from that day the whole Hin-dustani army was alienated. That the revolt did not then take place was owing entirely to the suddenness with which the measure was executed. Sudden as it was, however, and unprepared as the sepoys were to revolt, subsequent inquiries have convinced me, that had the King of Oude raised a finger the whole sepoy army would have risen to a man against their masters, and had the revolt then taken place, our position would have been even worse than it was in 1857."

As we have said, Mr. Robertson's book appears late in the day, but not too late, for those who seek light on the astonishing convulsion, which had almost deprived us of our Indian empire. To these, and to all who desire interesting information on India, we commend

this volume.

NEW NOVELS.

Misrepresentation: a Novel. By Anna H. Drury. 2 vols. (Parker & Son.)—This is a novel with a good plot, which is well and carefully worked out. The characters are every one of them human beings, and act and move like such. authoress steadily minds her own business, and does not lose the thread of her story, nor allow the action to stand still whilst she indulges in oracles about her own opinions. What observations there are spring up naturally, and are indigenous to the occasion, and are all of them very good and humane, such as the reader will meet with pleasure; for though neither very new nor remarkable, they are said well, and with a gentleness that will win even on readers who, as a rule, skip the moralities. The story is interesting, and turns on the evil wrought by a woman whose love has been turned to hatred at finding her friend and cousin preferred to herself. Her malice towards her un-conscious rival, her intrigues and misrepresenta-tions,—first to induce her cousin to offend her mother, and then to keep them apart, whilst believed to be the friend of both, are indicated with considerable skill. The manner in which the anteconsideration said. The manner in which the ante-cedents of the story are told is clear, and extremely well done. Towards the close the story lags, and the climax scarcely comes with sufficient force and sharpness. Mr. Spindler and Mr. Lyndon are both somewhat of bores. Miss Drury does not understand law business, nor the intricacies of loans, mortgages, bonds, and bills of accommodation; so that the mysterious hold which Mr. Spindler obtains over Lady Adelaide Lyndon is left in a muddle, which the reader has to accept without compre-hending; and except to add a last straw to her burden of care and sorrow, we cannot see the object of exposing her to the annoyance of Mr. Spindler's persecutions. 'Misrepresentation' is, however, as we said, a quiet novel, that will be read with interest, especially by those who find themselves shut up in the house with the coughs and colds and other blessings brought by November and its fogs;

to them it will prove just the sort of book they

to them it will prove just the sort of book they would wish for.

The Quaker-Soldier; or, the British in Philadelphia: an Historical Novel. (Philadelphia, Petersen Brothers.)—Henry St. John, Gentleman, of "Flower of Hundreds." in the County of Prince George, Virginia: a Tale of 1774-73. By John Esten Cooke. (London, Low & Co.; New York, Harper Brothers,)—These stories are on the same subject—the great historical epoch of America, the War of Independence—a war which unites the sympathies of all nations, and one of the few events about which the judgment of all parties few events about which the judgment of all parties and politics is pretty unanimous. We suppose at this time of day there is not a human being who does not heartily rejoice that the "Old Dominion" had the worst of it. Nobody sympathizes with the English in that war any more than if they were Chinese, of whom somebody said that no one would sacrifice the tip of his little finger to save the whole nation from destruction. American writers who take the War of Independence for their subject have a fine field and plenty of favour; and it is no have a nne neid and pienty of ravour; and it is no fault of the reader if the author does not succeed in interesting him. Neither of the stories at the head of our article can, however, be called a good historical novel. The Quaker-Soldier is a mysterious gentleman, something like one of Disraeli's "Mosaic-Arab" heroes—he is rich, and learned, and travelled, and accomplished, with a Quaker coat of darkness which nobody ever penetrates, and under cover of which he performs such feats of fighting and fencing and knocking down rivals or ngitting and fencing and knocking down riversal and adversaries, and leaving them dead or senseless, on the least provocation, as suggests the idea of the dreadful yoke it must be to human nature, heavy, indeed, to bear, to be bound over to keep the peace! It is a wild, foolish, rambling story, on the model of an ill-executed French novel. The historical details, the marches and counter-marches are minute and perplexing to the general reader,—but the description of Washington and his difficulties—the cabais against him, and the picture of the American Army at Valley Forge, in 1778, are graphic and good. But the story as a work of Art is perfect nonsense 'Henry St. John, Gentleman,' is more artistic than the foregoing,—but the historical passages are not given with breadth and clearness—the reader cannot grasp the general features of the plan. The pictures of Virginian life and manners Bonnybel Vane, is too Yankee for our taste, though we admit her many good qualities. A novel worthy of the War of Independence in America has yet to be written.

OUR LIBRARY TABLE.

At Home and Abroad. By Bayard Taylor. (New York, Putnam; London, Low & Co.)—This is a pleasant miscellany of "odds and ends" of is a pleasant miscellany of "odds and ends" of travel,—scattered papers that its eems have appeared elsewhere,—describing passages and incidents and persons, for which and for whom no fit place could be found in its writer's longer books.—There is 'A Young Author's Life in London,' 'A Walk from Heidelberg to Nuremburg,' to which we are indebted as opening a district of German landscape little known, not the last, however, of the kind which remains to be hyperwood out but he prefers which remains to be burrowed out by the pedes-trian,—a graphic account of "the Mammoth Cave," in Kentucky,—a set of kindly-meant pencare, in Renucesy,—a set of kindly-meant pen-cillings of many distinguished persons, into whose society Mr. Taylor has been thrown,—a book, in short, of light and varied reading, over which any one may be glad to while away half an hour.—But it is pleasantly rather than correctly executed. With many of the nooks and corners visited by Mr. Bayard Taylor we are acquainted. His "pan-Description of the Upper Danube, for instance, from Donauwerth down to Vienna, hardly marks the picturesque points which distinguish and vary the scenery of that noble stream. His Nuremberg is but cold and colourless, with not a tithe of its obvious riches touched on. This, however, may arise from a careless hand—not a faulty memory: not so other statements in this book. Those which concern English calebrities are often inconvent. concern English celebrities are often inaccurate.

Names are ill spelt, relationships misapprehended. Mille. Piccolomini has never appeared as Donna Anna in 'Don Juan,'—"the leader Da Costa" would be hard to find.—So, again, with regard to our poets; whose names are mistaken, and whose families not exactly numbered. The picture represents so little what we see and know, that we pause naturally ere we accept the foreign gallery of celebrities, which are strange to us, by way of a portrait-gallery. In books of this kind precision is not the gallery. In books of this kind precision is not the sole desideratum, but without precision their value is small. Those who cannot set down what they have seen, especially if the pen be practised, have seen that little but dimly, it may be predicated without lack of charity. The excellent temper and cheerful love of adventure which pervade this book, make us regret to have to put the above cautions on record; -but truth is truth, and inexactness of collection is an increasing literary vice.

The Moon Hoax. By Richard Adams Locke. (New York, Gowans.)—This is a reprint of the hoax which was published when Sir John Her-schel went to the Cape of Good Hope, setting forth schet went to the Cape of Good Hope, setting forth how he had seen plants, animals and men in the moon. It was published in French as well as in English, and the authorship was attributed to M. Nicollet. We never heard of R. A. Locke in connexion with it. In the present reprint the attestations of the American journals to the truth

of the discoveries are given.

Stories of Inventors and Discoveries. By John
Timbs. (Kent & Co.)—Another interesting and well-collected book, ranging from Archimedes and Roger Bacon to the Stephensons. Mr. Timbs is ook-maker of the first character; he does not take paragraphs, but sentences, and they pass through his mind and combine there. He is not a compiler, nor is he an original author: he is a digester.

An Elementary Treatise on Logarithms. By the Rev. W. H. Johnstone. (Longman & Co.)—The part on the use of logarithms is good: the algebraical demonstrations are faulty. The assumption of series is now abandoned by all who value

vigorous demonstration.

Frank and Andrea; or, Forest Life in the Island of Sardinia. By Alfred Elwes. Illustrations by Robert Dudley. (Griffith & Farran.)—The descriptions of Sardinian life and scenery in this volume are admirable; they are fresh, real, vivacious, and given with a spirit that will set most readers, whether young or old, on fire to go to a place so abounding in scenes of adventure. escriptions remind us of Mrs. Radcliffe's novels, but the story is merely accessory, a thread whereon to string the different scenes. It will not be found without interest, although strict advocates for poetical justice might demur at all the sense, courage, discretion, indeed all the virtues that are called for in the course of the narrative, being given to the English Frank, whilst Andrea, the Italian boy, though endowed with many holiday good qualities, comes out very poorly, not to say piti-fully, in the heroic line. To be sure, Enrico is made much of, but then he had a Scotch mother, which might account for it. The youthful readers for whom it is intended will, however, be too much amused to feel any disposition towards criticism.

Will Weatherhelm; or, the Yarn of an Old Sailor about his Early Life and Adventures. By William H. G. Kingston. Illustrations by G. J. Thomas. (Griffith & Farran.)—Will Weatherhelm is the hero of more shipwrecks and disasters at sea than would suffice to fill a Temple of Neptune with votive offerings. We tried this story on an audience of boys and grown-up people, who one and all declared it to be capital, and wished there had been another volume! After such a verdict from "a fit audience found, though few," we feel ourselves put out of court—in a critical capacity—so we can only confess that the "story" of 'Will Weather-helm' interested us quite as much as it did the rest;

and we hope that he will, by next Christmas, have some more "yarns" for us.

The White Elephant; or, the Hunters of Ava, and the King of the Golden Foot. By William Dalton. Illustrations by Harrison Weir. (Griffith & Farran.) This is an amusing history of adventures in Burmah: with spirited descriptions of the manners

of the people and the scenery of the country, which has just now a special interest for English readers, although it is apparently compiled from travellers' stories. The book is very interesting, and has an authentic air of being profitable as well as pleasant reading. The capture of the Lord White Elephant, and the ceremonies of his investiture with all his dignities, is the especial incident of the book. Astley could only obtain a white elephant, wouldn't

we go to see it! we go to see it:

Tales from Molière's Plays. By Dacre Barrett
Lennard. (Chapman & Hall.)—Mr. Lennard has
set his mind, it seems, on producing a companionbook to Lamb's 'Shakspeare Tales.' Without invidiously appraising the respective merits of the artificers, the idea of the later work includes ineviatable difficulties. Shakspeare's plays, founded on home or ancient history, or foreign romance, or fantasy, which, like Ariel, could "put a girdle round about the earth," have a stuff of incident in them which tempts the tale-teller. This is not the case with the dramas of Molière. They have "a stuff" of character in them, it is true, the variety of which has made some, not without justification, rank him (under limitations) as next to Shakspeare. Think of the types whom the Frenchman has given to the world! George Dandin, Tartuffe, Le Misanthrope, 'Le Malade Imaginaire,' are only four among many. Then, even considering him as a satirist on manners, his Madelon and Cathos, his Femmes Savantes' are animated by the universal life and humour which will for ever place them among "beings of the mind" belonging to the second class-let euphuism and pedantry, under the forms typified in those creations, have ever so entirely passed away or taken new forms .- There is much yet to be said concerning Molière; but this need not take the form of reducing his come-dies into their original elements. We have (to bring this general remark to a particular point) endeavoured to read the stories of 'Les Précieuses Ridicules' and 'Tartuffe' as here recounted. The first becomes vague, strange, unintelligible; the second, intensely disagreeable; and this without reference to manner of treatment.—Let Mr. Lennard think, for a moment, what Tales from Congreve would turn out. The characters in his comedies lie in their words. Millamant, and Mincing, and Sir Witful Witwoud, talk themselves into life. So do Molière's brain-creatures. When the talk is retrenched, what remains? Surely not very much plot, and no large amount of passion; and the distinct, individual, vulgar fellow, or wolf in sheep's clothing, or *Hamlet* of modern life (for such is Molière's *Alceste*), or Hypochondriac, dwindles into an every-day shadow. It is not so with the youths in the cave in 'Cymbeline'; not so with Ophelia and her mad garlands; not so with Jessica and her father Shylock; least of all so with Cleopatra. The differences between Molière and Shakspeare as dramatists may lie as far apart, or as near, as France and England; but one of them is, that Lamb could not, by any English or French magic, have done for Molière what he did for Shakspeare.—This volume, in short, is unquestionably the fruit of sincere admiration; but the form of it is, therefore, none the less a mistake. There is a real Life of Molière to be written for England. Why not try it—instead of serving up Gorgibus, or Orgon, or Madame Pernelle, without their

dialogue? My First Travels : including Rides in the Pyre-Scenes during an Inundation at Avignon, nees, scenes curing an Inanacation at Arapion, Sketches in France and Savoy, Visits to Convents and Houses of Charity. By Selina Bunbury. (Newby.)—Lucy Snove herself, the heroine of Miss Brontë's 'Villette,' seems hardly to have been more of "a waif and stray" than the writer oeen more of "a waif and stray" than the writer of these curious volumes, which we gather from the Preface are virtually an elder work re-written, with additions. When Miss Bunbury first told in print her wanderings in search of her friends, she owns to have interspersed romantic touches, and fictitious names by way of avoiding personality. These she has now, she announces, suppressed, as the story belongs to the past. But even now, is the book as it stands clear of being "painted up"? There are sentimentalities and ejaculations which belong to a shelf in the circulating library which

is not the traveller's. It is difficult to conceive how a lady, travellers. It is thinductor contents how a lady, travelling in no particularly savage places on the Continent, could get into more scrapes than did Miss Bunbury. We cannot profess to deal with twice-told tales; and are not ress to deal with twice-told tales; and are not sorry on the present occasion to profit by the rule of abstinence, owing to the unreal and insipid manner of writing which Miss Bunbury is too apt to mistake for something spirited and poetical. An excellent elementary French reading-book bears the title, Histoires Amusantes et Instructives;

or, Selections of Complete Stories from the best French Authors, chiefly contemporary, who have written for the Young, with English Notes. By F. E. A. Gasc, M.A. (Bell & Daldy.)—The pieces are well adapted to interest and instruct in the best French of the present day; the notes also are very superior to those generally given in similar works, and supply genuine English for the numerous idiomatic French expressions that occur.—M. Darqué is mistaken if he supposes his Pronunciation of the taken if he supposes his Pronunciation of the French Language (Longmans) likely to be effectual in teaching English people to pronounce French. Not one in a thousand would ever think of reading Not one in a trousant would ever time of reamy it through; nor if he did would he learn so much from it as from a single hour's oral instruction.— A useful edition of the first book of Cæsar's Civil War—Caii Julii Cæsaris Commentariorum de Rello Civili, Liber I., with English Notes, has been published by Walton & Maberly. The text is founded on that of Nipperdey; the notes, besides conveying useful illustrative information, contain excellent renderings of all phrases that are likely to present any difficulty. A few pages of introductory matter throw much light upon the relative positions of Cæsar and Pompey, and the causes of the Civil War.—Mr.W. Hughes has added to his well-known geographical works, A Class-Book of Modera Geography, with Examination Questions (Philip & Son), which is intermediate between his Manual and his elementary treatises in 'Gleig's School Series.' He speaks of the Examination Questions as "one of the most valuable of its features." We think it, it through; nor if he did would he learn so much of the most valuable of its features." We think it, to say the least, unnecessary to publish questions which every teacher ought to frame for himself; nor do we believe Mr. Hughes's reputation will be raised by the present work, for which there seems little occasion.—A cheap and useful little manual on the Element of Manuscript by Par. I Hunter on the Elements of Mensuration, by Rev. J. Hunter M.A. (Longmans,) now forms part of 'Gleig's School Series.' It is not merely a collection of rules and examples, as is too often the case with books of this class; but contains a sufficient amount of explanation and proof to enable the pupil to understand the reason of the rules.—Prof. H. Attwell has translated a Manual of General History (Longmans) which is used in a school in Holland. Unlike mans) which is used in a school in Holland. Unlike our histories, it is intended to be learnt by heart, and to serve as an outline to be filled up by oral instruction.—An Abridged History of Jamaica, by J. O. Clark, Editor of the Treluency Newspaper, is a creditable compilation, printed indifferently, on poor paper.

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NEW FACTS ABOUT BEN JONSON.

THE State Papers-though scant in new facts about Shakspeare-are rich in materials for the life of his burly contemporary, "rare Ben." A few months ago we printed for the first time the re-markable letter from Jonson to the Earl of Salisbury, which proved, in spite of Gifford's amiable indignation against those who have impugned Ben's virtue, that the author of 'Volpone' was a spy of a very base and peculiar kind. We have now some other facts to add to his biography.

The general circumstances surrounding the assassination of George Villiers, Duke of Buckingham, are sufficiently well known to free us from any need for a re-statement of them here. The act of assassination was celebrated far and wide. Villiers was detested. Felton was adored. In the vaults of Christ Church and in the parlours of The Mitre and The Mermaid enthusiastic patriots drank the a sin's health. The press groaned with verses in his praise; and amongst other flying tributes to his virtue and daring were the memorable lines beginning "Enjoy thy bondage," and closing with:—

Farewell! for thy brave sake we shall not send Henceforth commanders, enemies to defend; Nor will it ever our just monarch please, To keep an admiral to lose our seas. Farewell! undaunted stand, and joy to be Of public service the epitome. Let the duke's name solace and crown thy thrall; All we by him did suffer, thou for all! And I dare boldly write, as thou dar'st die, Stout Felton, England's ransom, here doth lie!

These lines, it is said, were the production of Zouch Townley, an intimate companion and friend of Jonson. The two poets were much together at Zouch Towniey, an intimate companion and friend of Jonson. The two poets were much together at this time. Townley was a gentleman by birth, a scholar by training, a divine by profession. The excitement against Villiers was intense, and found a voice in the pulpit no less loud than in the tavern and the street. One Sunday Townley preached a sermon in the parish church of Westminster,—the church in which a Puritan House of ininster,—the church in which a Puritan House of Commons held their services, so as to escape the Popish abominations sometimes practised in the Abbey. Jonson was present. Townley may have referred in some way to the event that filled every man's mouth. Jonson wore a dagger in his belt. After the sermon he gave this dagger to the bold divine. At this very time Townley was writing his verses to Felton, then in jail; and it will be doing no violence to Jonson's habits of association and composition to imagine that where he confesses to have given the dagger he may also have lent point and weight to the line.

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From a paper now turned up by Mr. Bruce (to whose courtesy we owe the communication of the

discovery) it appears that the Court saw grounds for believing Jonson to be the true author of the for believing Jonson to be the true author of the Lines to Felton,—that an instruction was issued by the Crown for Sir Robert Heath, the Attorney General, to examine Jonson on the point,—that Jonson was called tp,—that he denied for himself any responsibility in the authorship,—and that, finding his sack and pension in peril, he implicated Townley by name in his confession. The examination is very curious, and not very creditable to "rare Ben." It reads thus:—
"The examination of Reniamin Jonson of

"The examination of Benjamin Jonson, of Westminster, gentleman, taken this 26th day of Vestminster, gentleman, taken this 20th day of October, 1628, by me, Sir Robert Heath, his Majesty's Attorney General.—The said examinant being asked whether ever he had seen certain verses beginning thus—'Enjoy thy bondage,' and ending thus—'England's ransom here doth lie,' and entitled thus—'To his Confined Friend,' &c., and the paper of those verses being showed unto him, he answereth, that he hath seen the like verses to these. And being asked where he saw them, he saith, at Sir Robert Cotton's house, at Westminster. Being further asked upon what occasion he saw them at that time, he saith that coming in to Sir Robert Cotton's house, as he often coming in to Sir Robert Cotton's nouse, as he orien doth, the paper of these verses lying there upon the table after dinner, this examinant was asked con-cerning those verses, as if himself had been the author thereof; thereupon this examinant read them, and condemned them, and with deep protestations affirmed that they were not made by him, nor did he know who made them, or had ever seen or heard them before: and the like protestations he now maketh upon his Christianity and hope of sal-vation. He saith he took no copy of them, nor ever had copy of them. He saith he hath heard of them since, but ever with detestation. He being further asked whether he doth know who made, or hath heard who made them, he answereth he doth hath heard who made them, he answereth he doth not know, but he hath heard by common fame that one Mr. Townley should make them, but he confesseth truly that he cannot name any one sin-gular person who hath so reported it. Being asked of what quality that Mr. Townley is, he saith his name is Zouch Townley; he is a scholar, and a divine by profession, and a preacher, but where he liveth or abideth he knoweth not, but he is a student of Christ's Church in Oxford. Being farther asked whether he gave a dagger to the said Mr. Townley, and upon what occasion, and when; he answereth that on a Sunday after this examinant had heard the said Mr. Townley preach at St. Margeret's Church in Westminster, Mr. Townley taking a liking to a dagger with a white haft which this examinant ordinarily were at his girdle, and was given to this examinant, this examinant gave it to him two nights after, being invited by Mr. Townley to supper, but without any circumstance, and without any relation to those or any other verses, for this examinant is well assured this was so done before he saw these verses, or had heard of them; and this examinant doth not remember that

since he hath seen Mr. Townley. BEN. JONSON."

There is something especial mean in this denial
and betrayal. Townley had been a brave and firm and betrayat. I ownley had been a brave and him friend to Jonson during many years. In one of the sorest trials of Jonson's life, the failure of his play of 'The Magnetic Lady,' Townley nobly defended him against Alexander Gill. His affection is also expressed in the poem prefixed to the collected edition of Jonson's works. Townley was immediately threat-ened with a persecution in the Star Chamber; and only escaped trial and condemnation—slitting of the nose, cropping of the ears, and a public whipping probably included—by a prompt departure for the

FLINT IMPLEMENTS IN THE DRIFT.

ABSENCE from London has prevented me from replying sooner to Prof. Henslow's letter in the Athenaeum of the 19th ultimo. He objects to my conclusion, that the flint implements at Hoxne were,

dence of an old workman of fifty years' experience in this pit; secondly, on that rience in this pit; secondly, on that of a young man of seventeen months' experience; thirdly, on his own observations. I had the evidence of the same men, and of other workmen at the pit, and as I have every reason to believe them to be honest and truthful witnesses, I am as willing as Prof. Henslow to accept that evidence, not, however, unreservedly, but quantum valeat. In the first place, I will take the evidence of the younger man, as having reference to the pit in its present state. He told me, as he told Prof. Henslow, that he only knew of two worked flints having been found, and they were both above the beds in which any fossils occur. The spot which he pointed out to me was in an upper bed of unfossiliferous clay, hardly "near the surface," nearly as I could determine, at a depth of at least 8 to 10 feet. This clay is worked for bricks, and S to 10 feet. This clay is worked for bricks, and is therefore a true brick-earth,—and so I have accordingly termed it, although the men know it simply as the "clay," in consequence of its making only red bricks, whereas, it is to the lower greedlays, which make white bricks, that they confine the use of the term "brick-earth,"—consequently, when the men say no finit implements have been found in the brick-earth they mean trails but here. found in the brick-earth, they mean truly, but may impress wrongly. At the base of this upper clay is a thin bed of sub-angular flint gravel, a half to one foot thick; and beneath that a grey clay, with some freshwater shells and remains of ables, is worked, forming, at that place, the base of the pit. It was in the lower part of this bed, he informed me, that bones had been recently found, but no flint implements. So far his evidence is good, and shows that in the part of the pit now working flint implements are rare, and found only in the upper part of the deposit; but yet that upper part is, I am satisfied, undisturbed ground. I do not, however, consider that his speculations, founded upon the two specimens, and on some supposed flint chips, which we failed to discover, entitle his general opinions to the same weight that I am inclined to attach to his facts.

I had a trench dug beneath the present pit-floor, and found the lower part of the above clay to be more sandy, and to repose upon a bed, about 2 feet thick, of small sub-angular flint-gravel and chalk pebbles, overlying another peaty clay, with shells. I looked carefully in this gravel for bones or worked

flints, but without success.

I must confess that the evidence of the old man perplexed me a good deal at first. When we were in the part of the pit where they are now working, he spoke so unhesitatingly of the gravel at the base of the upper clay having been the bed where, 30 to 40 years since, so many worked flints were found, and of their being found one or two feet from the surface, and above the brick earth, that I was almost thrown off my guard, and inclined to was almost thrown on my guard, and all events, on the one essential point with Mr. Frere, his saying they were there found (and in abundance) in a bed they were there found (and in abundance) in a of gravel. But further, Mr. Frere's account, in 1800, of this gravel being overlaid by a bed of sand with shells and large bones, and the whole underlying seven to eight feet of clay, is so clear and circumstantial that I could not feel satisfied and circumstantial that I could not feel same without further inquiry; I therefore took the old man to the part of the pit where they were work-ing in Mr. Frere's time. I first of all ascertained that when he spoke of the flints being one to two feet deep, he spoke with reference to the present surface on which the various sheds, &c. stand, and that he took no account of the ground removed. He said that there was then but one bed of gravel, and that its thickness varied from two to four feet, and that the flint implements were found in it. I inquired whether, in any of the old part of the I inquired whether, in any of the old part of supplt, it were possible to meet with this grayel. He thought not, as it had been removed to get at the brick earth beneath. I had a trench dug to the depth of four feet, and found his statement correct, as, after a foot or two of made soil, it was in all probability, found, as described by Mr.

Frere, associated with the remains of the mammoth, and possibly of other extinct animals, in undisturbed beds of the Post-plicene Age, and he grounds his objections—First, on the evilar finits and chalk pebbles, was met with. No-

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thing was found in it, but the excavation being close by a road, could not be carried far. This was, however, according to the old man, the same hed as occurred in the centre of the pit.

Now the question arises, as there are two beds of gravel in the present part of the pit, had the old man correctly identified the gravel in the old workings with the one in the new workings? I think not. The gravel he pointed out to me in the latter is thin, and seemingly local, and over all the fossiliferous beds; whereas the lower bed of gravel is thicker, more persistent, and under-lies a bed of clay, occasionally sandy, containing shells and bones, and, therefore, agreeing in position with Mr. Frere's celt-bearing gravel. From a certain variability I found in this bed, I think a certain variability 1 found in the pit, it was it probable that, in the old part of the pit, it was still more sandy, and the lower part of it might have been "the sand" mentioned by Mr. Frere to contain the bones and shells. Also in composition, this bed of gravel agrees with the bed of gravel I found on the side of the old workings.

Further, on a subsequent visit this autumn, I had a trench of eleven feet dug, at the east end of the pit, and, after passing through sand and a little clay, at a depth of nine feet, a bed of gravel was reached, in which, on examining the portion thrown out, my friend Mr. Evans, who was with me, was fortunate enough to find one flint implement. Beneath the gravel we met with a thin bed of clay, also with freshwater shells, and then the boulder clay. I also had other excavations made, which confirmed my former opinion. In beds of this description the variation in character d thickness is often so great in short distances that much care is necessary in allowing for all possible changes; and when, as in this case, an interval of sixty years has elapsed before the correctness of the fact noted by the original observer, Mr. Frere, comes to be tested, the difficulty of identification is greatly increased. A more complete research, and more extensive diggings would, no doubt, be highly desirable, but, so far as the present state of the pit allows me to judge, I have but little doubt that the remarkable fact of the occurrence, as recorded by Mr. Frere, of flint implements in a bed of undisturbed gravel of Postcene age is correct.

With regard to the small angular fragments of fint found in gravel, while I admit the ingenuity of Prof. Henslow's suggestion, as I have not as-sumed their artificial character, nor have I heard any competent witness suggest a charring of the vegetable remains, and as I have already extended vegetable remains, and as I have already this letter far beyond the limits I had intended, I abstain from any remarks on these points or on others I might like to notice, the more especially as Prof. Henslow admits the artificial character of the large flint implements which, with me, formed the main object in view.

I trust however, that if a more thorough exa-mination of this interesting spot were made, facts would come to light which would enable us to pronounce on this important question of the exact sition of the flint implements on direct instead of corroborate evidence—a measure which I feel sure would afford the more savena, &c., Prof. Henslow, and to yours, &c., J. Prestwich. would afford the more satisfactory solution both to

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

PUBLIC opinion is a flirt in most countries. In Paris public opinion is a heartless coquette. The funeral of the director of the Illustration, which took place a few days since, was a disgrace to the Parisians. Here was an old servant whose very name they had forgotten,—as they have forgotten the names of hundreds of eminent men who have honestly served them,—as they will have forgotten the names of Lamartine and Guizot, should these table Frenchmen live to the dawn of the year 1870. Worshippers of actual authorities, they forget the men who have held power. The doomed minister's name fades from public memory. The Master of the Hounds to Charles the Tenth now bibs in roadside cabarets, and smokes his pipe with louts near a certain busy town of the Pas de

Calais. No eye turns to mark the shadow of the eloquent man who dignified the struggle of February, 1848. The Jourdains, and Veuillots, and Peyrats, and De Girardins—to say nothing of the elegant De la Guerronnières—have possession of the stage. The Lamartines, the Guizots, and the Thiers, look on at the Imperial burlesque from the side-scenes. There is no call for them. At the side-scenes, amid dust and worn-out properties of state, they may remain—unnoticed as spent rockets. M. Paulin walked the public stage humbly, but he was a popular man in the days of the Restoration. His name was familiar to the Boulevard cafés, with that of Armand Carrel and others; and might be heard amid the chattering of an entracte. And now, as his funeral passes through the streets, followed by the strong personal friends who adhered to him, unabashed Parisians, in curly hats or bouffante crinolines of the Second Empire, ask one another, "Who was M. Paulin?"

His National newspaper did its manly work, however, in its day, when Mignet and Thiers were in the list of its contributors. And M. Paulin himself made his name musical to the public ear. He lived to feel all the natural ingratitude of his fellow-citizens. In the noisy, swaggering, literary circles of the Second Empire, he had no place. We live in times when Ministers of State revise the proofs of pamphlets, destined to be seized by the police after a certain edition has been sold. These are not times for Armand Carrels, but rather for De Cassagnacs. It would be no honour to the memory of Paulin that an editor of a Revue Contemporaine had touched his hat before his bier. Then let the old National writer pass unnoticed along these broad Boulevards of the Second Empire to his grave:—his name belongs to a more honourable time than this.

M. Paulin and the day to which he belonged, recalled vividly to my mind by the display of ingratitude which his funeral provoked, turned my attention from the rampant nonsense now written by Frenchmen about England to books on John Bull which appeared when Frenchmen could freely speak their thoughts. Léon Faucher was con-scientious, and M. de Tapiès, in his statistical contrast between England and France put the two great nations side by side, without extenuating the faults of his own, or setting down aught in

malice to our disadvantage. He committed orthographical blunders when dealing with English surnames; but his knowledge of our institutions was, in the main, accurate, and his estimate of us

not an unjust one.

When I contrast M. de Tapiès' sober and thoughtful volume of facts, and of speculations thoughtful volume of facts, and of speculations based upon facts, with the ignorant extravagances of a Jourdain, or the insulting caricatures of us given, as actual observation, by Jules Lecomte, Edmond Texier, Francis Wey, and others,—I am, indeed, surprised. Fifteen years of close intimacy has left the Frenchman more ignorant of his neighbour than he was under the bourgeois King. pamphleteer of the day knows now! It is in these days that Edmond About on the De Tapiès knew more of us than the favourite that Englishmen put Maclise, Lewis, and Madame

Tussaud in a line, without fear of contradiction.

It would be well for Parisians if they could find time to turn from the whipped cream of M. Jourdain to De Tapiès' solid dish. M. de Tapiès is a Frenchman, and a vehement Frenchman. He is an enthusiastic Catholic also, and is not able to forgive England her Protestantism. He writes in introduction, "Republics are bastard States, as Dissenting Churches are bastard Churches. Nations have always gone from a republic to anarchy, as Dissenters pass from their mutilated faith to total disbelief." And when dealing subsequently with the criminals of England, the author declares that crime increased from the day when Henry the Eighth seized upon the property of the Church, and allowed priests to marry. It is clear from the whole tenour of M. de Tapiès' book, in short, that he believes England to be second to France; still an Englishman may read the partial author with advantage. The rival institutions of the two great nations are set in contrast. Figures drawn

from good sources support the author's state from good sources support the author's statements. His contrast of the press of the two countries, for instance, is carefully and truthfully drawn out. Describing the activity of French writers under Louis Philippe, M. de Tapiès gives an anecdote, to which subsequent events have given a new interest. "We perceive," the author writes, "few hard-working scientific men, but many compilers whose only theory is a system of money-making. It is generally sufficient for them to take the measure of a political party, to cut their historical matter according to it. A few months since a matter according to it. A few months since a publisher was ordering a history of Napoleon. 'Above all, not one word against him,' said the And now the book enjoys a splendid success throughout the provinces. This is what is called

And now the book enjoys a spiritual success throughout the provinces. This is what is called in these days a knowledge of one's public."

There was then the liberty to spread popular biographies of Napoleon throughout the agricultural districts of France, for had it not been declared in the Charter of 1830 that "the censorship of the press was abolished for ever"? This popular little history of Napoleon put forth in 1845 was so much seed sown by the man who was destined to tear up the Charter of 1830—to destroy, destined to tear up the Unarter of 1839—to destroy, indeed, the very liberty which had enabled him to keep his name before the country bumpkins of France. "We smile with contemptuous indifference," a reviewer wrote in the British and Foreign Review, in 1839, "when a nephew of Napoleon prefers a claim to that crown which the highest military and political genius of modern history won and wore." And now the nephew, in his turn, smiles with contemptuous indifference at the critic. The nephew was an attentive reader of the Charter of 1830, and saw all the opportunities it gave him. The freedom of the press was not secured to Frenchmen for ever. It had yet to be drawn, on its knees, to the Rue Bellechasse; it had yet to wear the gagging-irons of a Second Empire. Speaking of the intellectual activity of France in 1835, M. de Tapiès declares that it covered 120 millions of printed pages, using half-a-million reams of paper. "If," the in his turn, smiles with contemptuous indifference using half-a-million reams of paper. "If," the author adds, "all these pages were joined together, so as to form an immense riband, they would pass three times round the world."

It is pleasant to be with M. de Tapiès, for his story is of a time when Frenchmen were free to story is or a time when Frenchmen were free to print their thoughts. In those days thousands rushed with their MSS. to the printing-presses. But, having given an imposing idea of the extent of the paper covered by Frenchmen in 1835, it is only fair to show the reverse of the medal. Here

are the tables of literary mortality:—
"Out of 1,000 published books, 600 never pay the "Out of 1,000 published books, 600 never pay the cost of printing, &c., 200 just pay expenses, 100 return a slight profit, and only 100 show a substantial gain. Of these 1,000 books, 650 are forgotten by the end of the year, and 150 more at the end of three years; only 50 survive seven years' publicity. Of the 50,000 publications put forth in the seventeenth century, hardly more than 50 have a great reputation and are reprinted. Of the 80,000 works published in the eighteenth century, posterity has hardly preserved more than were rescued from oblivion in the seventeenth century. Men have been writing books these three thousand years, and there are hardly more than 500 writers throughout the globe who have survived the outrages of time and the forgetfulness of man."

An example of the perfect surveillance of the police over foreign journals occurred a short time since. An English news-agent received his parcel of papers from England, after it had been opened as usual by the police. To his surprise, it contained one copy of the Sunday Times, the police having withdrawn the rest of the copies of this journal. It was obvious that the single copy had been left by mistake. The news-vender sold it at once; and the purchaser had hardly left the shop, when a police sergeant appeared to claim the paper. It is believed that the police authorities count the newspapers sent from England to France; so that when they seize, the good folks of the Rue Bellechase know exactly how many copies of the Times or Athenœum they should have. Every paper that writes against the Emperor is destroyed; An example of the perfect surveillance of

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but any journal that attacks Prince Napoleon may be freely circulated in France.

A new daily paper will appear shortly in Paris.

The title, I believe, is L'Industrie Universelle. M. J. Chautard, one of the chief contributors to the Omnibus, and author of two or three historical books on the First Empire, is to be editor. Bonapartist to the backbone (his father commanded the ship that carried Napoleon from Elba to France), the new editor will, of course, command high

Aronage.

Paris has gone mad over "rifled cannon." Charivari gives its readers two drawings, illustra-tive of the prodigious rate at which military science is advancing. The first drawing shows a squadron is advancing. The first drawing shows a squadron of dragoons charging a battery of rifled cannon, upon a gigantic steam-engine. The second drawing represents the darling rifled-cannon. An artilleryman has just fired it. A stranger asks whether the ball hit the mark. The artilleryman replies that he will know the day after to-morrow —the butt is too far off to hear sooner. We shall see "les rayés" in chocolate, in barley-sugar, in wood and bronze, in every Parisian child's hands on New Year's Day. Every nursery will be fortified. Where is Belmontet, that he has not tuned his lyre to sing the praises of these popular mon-sters? Even the linen-drapers have been inspired by the Italian question. Are not the Parisian dandies wearing Cavour shirt-collars? B. J.

OUR WEEKLY GOSSIP.

The 'Life of Havelock,' by Mr. J. C. Marshman,
—the 'Autobiography of Mrs. Piozzi, with a Collection of her Letters,'—the 'Travels of Mr. John
Bull, President of the Alpine Club, in unfrequented
Nooks and Corners of Mountain Country,'—'A
Tour in Scotland,' by Mr. C. R. Weld,—and
'Seven Years' Residence in the Great Deserts of
North America,' by the Abbé Domenech, see some
of the more interesting works in preparation by the of the more interesting works in preparation by the

Messrs. Longman.

We are glad to hear that the Russian Naval
Department has taken up that wonderful invention
of Mr. Piazzi Smyth for making astronomical obserwations on board a rolling ship, and that the Pul-kave astronomers and mechanicians are now en-gaged in manufacturing a large free-revolving appa-ratus for observing altitudes of stars at night without the aid of the sea-horizon. We should be not less pleased to hear of our own Government taking some advantage of this beautiful and ingenious

The authorities of the Canadian Grand Trunk rail way have done a gracious thing in a new and grac They have resolved to present a medal of honour to the most meritorious engine-drivers on the Grand Trunk—the Victoria Cross of careful service. On this medal is stamped—not the linea-ments of Queen or Prince, but those of Richard Trevithick. This is done in recognition of his claims as one of the fathers of the railway system, and of his son's position on the Grand Trunk Railway. Mr. Digby Wyatt made the design, Mr. Joseph S. Wyon the dies. The likeness of Mr. Trevithick is from a bust by Mr. Neville Burnard. On the subject of our announcement last week, that a History of Hammshire was in progress. we

that a History of Hampshire was in progress, we have received the following letter:—

"I am as anxious as any man can be for a His-tory of Hampshire; yet I did not read the announcetory of Hampsanre; yet I and not read the announcement in your last paper with the satisfaction with which it appears to have been written. Many gentlemen, as well as Sir F. Madden, have made collections of materials, and they are, I fear, each and every one of them, just as likely as Sir Frederick to undertake such a work. Sir Frederick is preoccupied and fully occupied. I shall rejoice to learn that I am in great and if so I will add

ral History of Hampshire' is a fractional part of the history of the kingdom; and instead of Mr. Woodward's 'three volumes quarto,' we have already Warner in six volumes quarto. These 'general histories' can be but a pouring out of old wine into new bottles. General historians but who into new obtains. General instorans must go to the original authorities, where all have been who are interested in the subject. We can add nothing to the known authorities, whether Roman or Saxon. There is no hope of literary treasure-trove in those directions; all differences, erefore, can be but ingenious speculation this every well-informed man can and will do for himself. Mr. Woodward's three volumes will, therefore, I much fear, prove but a greater or less condensation of Warner's six, prepared with more or less skill, ability, and integrity. In addition to Warner's six volumes quarto, we have Mudie's three volumes quarto—a good gossipping book, not without interest, and numberless works treating of the general history of special subjects. I have in my own library as many Treatises, Essays, and Blue-Books on the New Forest alone as would make Blue-Books on the New Forest alone as would make a dozen volumes in quarto. But all these, and three or four hundred other volumes relating to Hampshire, or Hampshire men, would not even help us to a true county history. What we want is a special history—a local history—a history of the descent of Hampshire properties, of Hampshire families, whether existing or extinct; such as we find in relation to Sussex in Dallaway's 'History of Sussex;' and such as can only be written with of Sussex;' and such as can only be written with the sanction, aid, and help of the estated gentlemen of the county. Let a known qualified man like Sir F. Madden-let Mr. Woodward, or any gentleman well recommended—come among us, and I feel certain that he would be heartily welcomed, and that his list of subscribers would not merely ensure success in a pecuniary point of view, but would foreshadow the interest and the merit of the

work itself.

A HAMPSHIRE MAN."

The Lime Light, which has been seen in its ordinary application every evening for some months past, in the scaffoldings of Westminster Bridge, was exhibited under various and extraordinary forms at the Crystal Palace on Tuesday. The light is very pure, penetrating, and continuous. It is also said to be cheap. Nothing could be more brilliant for lighthouse or for night signal; and in the defence of fortified posts or towns it would be found of the utmost value. Prof. Faraday's opinion is quoted in its favour; and so far as the mere exhibition went the Lime Light was suc-

We have to announce, this week, the death of a gentleman whose name has been long known among antiquaries, William Henry Rolfe, of Sandwich. Mr. Rolfe had something of the antiquary in him by inheritance, for he was the grandson of William of the state liam Boys, the author of a well-known work on the History of Sandwich and the Cinque Ports. Mr. Rolfe's name became first generally known by the excavations which he undertook at his own expense on the site of the Roman port town of Rutupiæ, at Richborough, near Sandwich; the results of which were published in 'The Antiquities of Richborough, Reculver and Lymne, a work delicated to Mr. Rolfe. He had formed a large and extensive museum at Sandwich, consisting of Roman antiquities, chiefly from Richborough; of Anglo-Saxon antiquities, from his own excavations at Ozengall, antiquities, from his own excavations at Ozengai, near Ramsgate, and from other parts of East Kent; of coins, and of porcelain. He had parted with his Anglo-Saxon antiquities to Mr. Mayer, of Liverpool. Mr. Rolfe died, after a very short ill-ness, on Sunday last, the 27th of November, in his

eighty-first year.

The Duke d'Aumale, we understand, has purchased the whole of the magnificent library of the

which he had filled the office of Treasurer since 1843. He was a book collector, according to M. Techener, during the whole of his life, having assisted at the sale of Morel Vindé, in 1812, of Duriez, in 1827, of the Marquis de Calabre, and Duriez, in 1827, of the Marquis de Calabre, and of many other distinguished amateurs. For many years he employed M. Crozet, the well-known Paris dealer, as his agent in procuring book-rarities, and later he put himself into the hands of M. Techener, who speaks with rapture of his munificence and taste in the selection of his volumes. His library abounded in first editions, books on His library abounded in first editions, books on vellum, rare bindings, unique copies, and those other singularities upon which a true bibliophile always prides himself. Even so far back as the year 1842, when an account of it appeared in the 'Bulletin du Bibliophile,' it was reckoned to be one of the richest private libraries in France, most of the volumes being bound either by Padeloup, Derome, Desseuille, Thouvenin or Bauzonnet, and many of them bearing the arms or ciphers of Diana of Poitiers, De Thou, Colbert, D'Hoym, Gaignat, Lavallière, Mac-Carthy, &c. What treasures he acquired after that time it would be impossible, according to M. Techener, to enums. impossible, according to M. Techener, to enums as they now do into the library of the Duke d'Aumale, they will meet with fit associates, the Duke's collection being not only numerous, but known for the taste with which it has been brought

Mr. Endean's note on the misdescription of books has brought us explanations from both the publishers concerned :-

"9, St. Bride's Avenue, Nov. 29.
"In your last number Mr. Endean, of Chester, draws attention to the word 'illustrated,' which appears on the back of some copies of 'The Habits appears on the back of some copies of the lianus of Good Society. Your Correspondent challenges this as a misdescription—the book having only a frontispiece. We do not quarrel with his idea a bookbinder's blunder affords the ground of complaint. When the first edition, of 6,000 copies, of the complaint of the proposed the beokhinder have the proposed the beokhinder have the contraction. this book was prepared, the bookbinder bound up nearly one thousand copies with the standing line, 'illustrated,' which he is accustomed to place on the back of several other 3s. 6d. books of the same size published by us, but containing a series of wood engravings. The moment we observed his mistake we checked it, but did not think the error of such magnitude as to require the recall of the books. Therefore, Mr. Endean will find that but few of the copies in circulation of 'The Habits of Good Society' have the line 'illustrated' on the back. Moreover, as your Correspondent couples the nam of our volume with a case in which a book is advertised under what seems a notable misdescription tised under what seems a notable misdescription, we beg to be allowed, lest any readers are led to a false inference, distinctly to draw attention to the fact, that 'The Habits of Good Society' is and advertised by us as 'illustrated,' and that in our catalogue (of which a copy is herewith enclosed we carefully distinguish between books which are 'illustrated' (meaning thereby a series of engravings of any sort) and those containing only one or two drawings. We are 'illustrated' (meaning thereby a series of engravings of any sort) and those containing only one or two

-We have referred to the advertisement, and of course find Messrs. Hogg's statement quite true. Mr. Hotten writes:-

"151, Piccadilly, Nov. 29 "With reference to the paragraph in the last number of the Athenœum, which states that my edition of 'The Biglow Papers' has been adver-tised as 'with illustrations by George Cruikshank, I beg to inform your Correspondent, Mr. Endean, that the mistake originated with the printer of the Publishers' Circular. If Mr. Endean feels inter-ested in the subject, he can, I have no doubt, see the MS. of my advertisement at the Circular office, where he will find the word illustration (and not illustrations) in my handwriting. The mistake, unfortunately, was copied in another journal pub-lished a few days later.—I am. &c. edition of 'The Biglow Papers' has been adver lished a few days later.—I am, &c.,
"John Campen Hotten

The remaining library formed by the late Mr. Fitch, of Ipswich, has been sold during the week by Messrs. Sotheby & Wilkinson. The chief feature of the collection consisted of works relating to

Suffolk, and some curious manuscript topographical collections, deeds, and charters, illustrative of that country. The following are works of note:—Ancountry. The following are works of note:—Anderson's 'Genealogical History of the House of Yvery,' a rare and privately printed work, wanting the map and a portrait, 14t. 14s.—Holbein, 'Le Triomphe de la Mort,' printed upon vellum, the plates highly coloured, 7t. 10s.—'Record of the House of Gournay,' printed for private circulation, 16t.—'Tullie of Old Age,' a fragment by Caxton, 13t. 13.—'Augustinus contra Julianum Pela-gianum Hæreticum,' MS. of the twelfth century, written by an English scribe, 26t.—The Suffolk collections were also sold in lots, and produced, in the aggregate, 178l. 3s. 6d.—Total of the day's sale, 525l. 5s. 6d.

On the mountain Isel, near Innsbruck, a monument to Andreas Hofer, is about to be erected —in answer, it may be inferred, to the new monument of Victory in preparation for the field of Solferino. The design is in the Gothic style, twenty-five to thirty feet high, with en-trance and windows. The interior will form a sort of mausoleum and contain the busts of the Emperors Francis the First, Ferdinand the First and Francis Joseph the First; of the Archdukes Johann and Karl Ludwig, of Andreas Hofer and the Freiherrn von Rossbach. Marble slabs will be fixed on the walls with the names of the defenders of Tyrol in 1809, 1848 and 1859. The centre of the hall will be occupied by the bust on a pedestal, nine feet high, of the first commander

of the Kaiser-Yäger Regiment.

Now that, on the occasion of the Schiller Festival, a prize for the best German drama has been created, the question arises and is discussed in the papers, who will be the judges? Will the members of the Royal Academy, who mostly consist of his-torians and philologists, be competent on purely literary productions? Hardly. A Cologne paper, that devotes two leaders to this subject, reminds us that Lessing was chosen only as honorary member, and that Adalbert von Chamisso was real member, but not in his quality as a German poet, but in that of a botanist. This question gives rise to another: why is there no German Academy for literature at Berlin? There is an Academy for Science and for the Fine Arts; the last mostly comprises the plastic art, with a branch for music. The want of a branch for literature is said to be more than ever felt in Germany.

THE SEVENTH ANNUAL WINTER EXHIBITION CABINET PICTURES, Drawings, and Sketches, the Contritions of BRITISH ARTISTS, is NOW OPEN, at the Fret Gallery, 190, Pall Mall.—Admission, 1a; Catalogues, 6d. Opfrom Ten to Five.

ROYAL INSTITUTE of ANATOMY and SCIENCE, see OXYORD STREET. Principal, Dr. W. B. MARSYN, Open shift for Gentlemen only, from Eleven till Ten. Alminision, one Shilling. Lectures six times daily. A Professor is always in attendance to impart instruction and give information on any Medical or Physiological subject.

SCIENCE

SOCIETIES.

ROTAL.—Nov. 30.—Anniversary Meeting.—Sir B. Brodie, Bart., President, in the chair.—The President delivered his Annual Address.—The Copley Medal was then presented to Mr. W. E. Weber, a Royal Medal to Mr. A. Cayley and the second Royal Medal to Mr. G. Bentham.—The following gentlemen were then elected as officers and Council for the ensuing year :- President, Sir B. C. Brodie, Bart.; Treasurer, Major-Gen. E. Sabine; Secretaries, W. Sharpey, M.D. and G. G. , Esq.; Foreign Secretary, W. H. Miller, Other Members of the Council, C. C. Ba-Laq.; Other Members of the Council, C. C. Ba-hington, Esq., Rear Admiral Sir G. Back, Rev. J. Barlow, M.A., T. Bell, Esq., A. Cayley, Esq., Dr. W. Farr, Sir H. Holland, Bart., T. H. Huxley, Esq., Sir R. I. Murchison, T. Webster, Esq., Rev. W. Whewell, D.D., A. W. Williamson, Ph.D., Rev. R. Willis, Sir W. P. Wood, The Lord Wrot-tesley, Col. P. Yorke. — After the Election the Fellows and their friends dined together at the Thatched Hayer Tereors. Thatched House Tavern.

of an embassy said to have proceeded from an Indian king, named Porus, to Augustus Casar. A very brief account of this event is found in the 15th book of Strabo, where it is given as related by Nicholas of Damascus, who met the members of the mission at Antioch. According to this statement, these persons carried a letter, written in Greek, from Porus, "the king of six hundred kings," together with a present of slaves, a tortoise, a large serpent, and some other zoological rarities. The ambassadors were three only, all the others having perished by the way, from the toils of their long journey. The fact of some such embassy having taken place is confirmed by Strabo himself, who saw some of the presents brought; and Mr. Priaulx alludes also to the notices of Dio Cassius, and the incidental observations of Horace, Plutarch, and Florus. He mentions with respect the opinion of Lassen, who held that the Porus of the mission was the Paurava prince who founded an independent kingdom in the Western Panjab on the death of Kadphises, about the commencement of the Christian era, but he is inclined to dissent from this opinion. Mr. Priaulx then reviews the accounts which have reached us; takes into consideration the improbabilities attending the whole account, such as the credentials written in Greek, the beggarly presents from a monarch who called himself "the lord of six hundred kings," called himself and the alleged fatal character of a journey which was hardly of a nature, even in those remote times, to endanger the bearers of a peaceful mission set on foot by a powerful and wealthy sovereign. Admitting, to a certain extent, the statements handed down, and fairly weighing probabilities, he is inclined to believe that the affair was got up by the trading Greeks of Alexandria, who were naturally desirous of a direct participation in the valuable commerce of India, which was then, and for centuries afterwards, carried on, indirectly, through the medium of the Arabs, until the mono poly was broken up by the Portuguese discovery of the passage round the Cape of Good Hope. He thought it was not improbable that some Indian raja was really advised to send an embassy to the note empire of the West, and that some such embassy might have reached Alexandria on its way. This might have been contrived by the Alexandrians themselves, anxious to conciliate the favour of Augustus, whose enmity they dreaded in consequence of their notorious partizanship in favour of Antony. Alexandria and Palmyra were then the two great marts for the produce of India; but one of them was, in all probability, the source of the whole scheme; but the inland position of Palmyra, its Syrian character, and circumstances of its polity as a free city, seemed to preclude the idea that it would encourage an Indian embassy. He, therefore, decided for Alexandria, though admitting that, supposing it to be all true, there are difficulties about the subject which he is unable to clear up.

Society of Antiquaries.—Nov. 24.—J. Bruce, Esq., V.P., in the chair.—The Rev. T. B. Murray and Mr. S. L. Sotheby were elected Fellows.— Dr. Thurnam exhibited some flint knives and other implements, together with some fragments of pot-tery, found by him in a chambered "long barrow" at Kennet, in Wiltshire.—Mr. E. C. Ireland pre-sented to the Society's museum five specimens of flint arrow-heads, found in Aberdeenshire.-Mr. Akerman's 'Report on his Researches in the Anglo-Saxon Cemetery at Long Wittenham, near Abingdon, was read by Mr. Vaux. About ten years ago some labourers, while engaged in digging the foundations for a cottage, in a field, at the southern entrance of the village, discovered the skeleton of entrance of the vinage, inscovered the skeleton of a man, accompanied by relics of an Anglo-Saxon character,—a sword, spear, knife, and the umbo of a shield. These objects came into the possession of the Rev. J. C. Clutterbuck, the incumbent of Wittenham, who communicated an account of the discovery to the Journal of the Archeological Institute. On Mr. Akerman's visit to Long Wittenham, in March last, the vicar was induced to make further researches, the result of which was ASIATIC.—Nov. 19.—Col. Sykes, M.P., President, in the chair.—A communication was read, by De Beauvoir Priaulx, Esq., on the authenticity of a woman) being accompanied by a pair of cir-

cular fibulee, a hair-pin, and a bead. Convinced by long experience that the ground was the site of an ancient cemetery, Mr. Akerman, with the ap-proval and support of the Council of the Society, and the liberal permission of Mr. Joseph Hewett, the owner of the land, commenced excavations, which were continued from the end of the month of which were continued from the end of the month of August to the middle of October. The result was, the discovery of 127 graves containing skeletons, the males accompanied by spears, the boses of shields, knives, buckets, bronze kettles, &c.; the females by fibulæ of various forms, amber and glass beads, spindle - whirls, bracelets, tweezers, ear-scoops, iron keys, and, in one instance, a small pair of scales. The most remarkable object discovered in these excavations is, however, a stoup, formed of hoops and staves, like the buckets often found in Saxon graves, but coated with plates of bronze, on which are stamped a monogram, between the letters A and Ω ; the whole within a nimbus. In other compartments are represented scenes in the life of Our Saviour,—the Marriage of Cana in Galilee, the Annunciation, and another subject, partly obliterated by decay. This vessel had doubtless contained water that had been blessed by a Christian priest; and its discovery is of gre importance, as affording a clue to the use to which the buckets, so often found in these graves, was consecrated. It was found above the right shoulder of a boy, about the age of twelve years. At his feet was a bronze kettle, of the usual form, and a spear-head, with the point downwards. This is the first instance observed of a spear being thus placed in an Anglo-Saxon grave; but it is not uncommon in those of the Franks. A great number of mortuary urns, containing burnt bones, was also discovered, affording good evidence that this cemetery had been the burial-place of our Anglo-Saxon forefathers when in a state of Paganism.—The objects discovered were placed on the Society's tables, and a plan of the cemetery, drawn to scale by Mr. Clutterbuck, was exhibited.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF LITERATURE.—Nov. 23.— The Lord Bishop of St. David's, President, in the chair.—W. Tooke, Esq., was elected Vice-President chair.—W. Tooke, Esq., was elected Vice-President of the Society, in the place of W. R. Hamilton, Esq., deceased.—The Rev. E. Davidson, the Rev. J. C. Edwards, and B. B. Orridge, Esqs., were elected Ordinary Members.—Mr. Hogg read a paper 'On the Karaite Jews,' in which he gave an account of the leading facts relative to the history of this remarkable sect, with some notice of their present settlements, and especially of that at Tchufut kaleh, near Baghchi-Serai, in the Crimea. The principal abodes of the Karaites in modern times would seem to have been in Poland, but there are still seem to have been in Poland, but there are still a few families resident in the Holy Land and at Constantinople. They bear the character of being an exceedingly honest, hard-working population, devoted much more to commercial than to literary pursuits. It is known, however, that they have long had in Poland a small literature peculiar to themselves, some notices of which may be found in J. C. Wolf's 'Bibliotheca Hebrea.'—A paper in J. C. Wolf's 'Bibliotheca Hebrea.'—A paper was read, communicated by Col. Leake, 'On Greek Archeology and Topography,' containing critical remarks upon some passages in the recent translation of Herodotus, by the Rev. G. Rawlinson, and on the Rev. Mr. Clark's 'Travels in the Peloand on the Rev. Mr. Clark's 'Travels in the Peloponnesus.' Col. Leake pointed out that Mr. Rawlinson was in error when he states that "there were two cities named Telmessus in Asia Minor: one in Lycia, on the coast; the other, called also Termessus, in Pisidia"—and that, in fact, there were two Telmessi and two Termessi, the former deriving their names from réhµa, a marsh; the latter from répuq, a boundary. Col. Leake also showed that his own copy (made as long ago as 1800) of the celebrated Midas inscription in Phrygia was more accurate than the subsequent one of M. Texier, on which Mr. Rawlinson had apparently relied. Col. Leake further expressed his dissent from Mr. Rawlinson's views as to the origin of Greek coinage, and adhered to the opinions he had promulgated in his 'Numismata Hellenica,' viz., that it was much more likely that this refinement of civilization should have begun in Greece proper than in the semi-barbarous states of Asia Minor.

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In conclusion, he called attention to the difficulties any traveller would have naturally experienced who like himself more than fifty years ago endeavoured to reconcile the often vague descriptions of ancient writers with the existing features of the country. No French map of the Peloponnesus, constructed carefully by very able engineers, then was in existence, and Col. Leake had to make his geography before he could understand Strabo or Paussnias.

Numismatic.—Nov. 24.—W. S. W. Vaux, Esq., President, in the chair.—A paper was read by S. Birch, Esq., 'On a Remarkable Coin of Seuthes the First, King of Odrysse, in Thrace,' which has been lately procured from Prof. Verkwich, of Belgrade. This coin exhibits, on the obverse, a horse-way wearing a chlomes, and calloning to the man wearing a chlamys, and galloping to the right; he is hurling a javelin with the right hand, and holds the reins with his left; and on the

and noids the reins with his left; and on the reverse, EYOA, written across the field of the coin, in two lines. Mr. Birch remarked upon the curious fact that this coin (which weighs 132.5 grains) has been struck according to the Attic standard, whereas almost all the other known money of Northern Greece is on the Macedonian transland. The inscription is in the Design dislact. standard. The inscription is in the Doric dialect, which prevails also, as is well known, upon the coins of Geta, King of the Edones. It is, probable, therefore, that the local name of the King was Seuthas, this word Σευθα being the genitive case, after the analogy of Amynta from Amyntas. Little is known of Seuthes, but it is certain that he a period when this portion of Northern Greece was in a very flourishing condition. Some doubt has been expressed as to the correct title of the tribe over whom he ruled; and he might, perhaps, be more rightly called the King of the Edones; but, on the whole, that of King of the Odrysians has been adopted as his fittest designation.

ETHNOLOGICAL.—Nov. 16.—Dr. Hodgkin in the chair.—Mr. Croker read a report on the Ethnological papers read in Section E. at the Meeting of the British Association, at Aberdeen.—Mr. Blandowski, the Australian traveller, related some of his personal observations among the native tribes of the interior of Australia, whom he distributed into three or four great divisions, and expressed his opinion that no useful ethnological principles could be deduced from the mere comparison of crania.— Mr. Wright announced his intention to exhibit, at one of the meetings after Christmas, the deformed skulls found in the excavations at Wroxeter, which have already been the subject of much discussion. —A paper by Mr. J. Barnard Davis was then read, On the Method of Measurements, as a diagnostic means of distinguishing Human Races, adopted by Drs. Scherzen and Schwarz in the Austrian circumnavigatory expedition of the Novara.' This paper gave rise to a discussion of some length, in which Dr. Knox, Messrs. Dunn, Beale, and others, took

SOCIETY OF ARTS .- Nov. 30 .- E. Chadwick, Sciett of Arts.—Nov. 30.—E. Chadwick, Esq., C.B., in the chair.—Messrs. F. W. Aley, A. Bainbridge, G. Bosanquet, Sir John Bowring, T. E. Dexter, J. B. Dunn, H. W. Elphinstone, T. Fawell, G. Frodsham, J. J. Harding, J. P. Hennessy, M.P., D. Imhof, A. Kennedy, W. H. Kerr, W. J. Kerr, H. Lee-Jortin, J. J. Lundy, J. A. Mann, G. Mayall, jun., S. B. Meredith, G. T. Miller, G. J. Parson, J. Peckover, T. W. Rowe, R. Sinclair, E. Stanford, R. Stevens, jun., J. Topham, E. Waller, G. Withers and R. Yeaman were elected members.—Mr. Holland read a paper 'On the Prevention of Accidents in Coal Mines.'

MEETINGS FOR THE ENSUING WEEK.
Royal Academy, 8.—'On Anatomy,' by Prof. Partridge.
British Architects, 8.
Entomological, 8.
Photographic, 8.—'On Photographic Manipulation and
Contrivances,' by Mr. Ennel.
Institution of Civil Engineers, 8.—Continued discussion
upon Mr. Grantham's paper, 'On Arterial Drainage and
Royal Society of Literature, 44.
Society of Arts, 8.—'On the Forces used in Agriculture,'
by Mr. Morton.
British Archnological Association, 84.—'On the Date of
the Rattle of Kalirach, or Kaliract,' by the Rev. B.
Priory of Monmouth, by Mr. Wakeman.

Society of Antiquaries, 8.

Boyal, 25.— On the Analytical Theory of the Attraction of Solids bounded by the Surfaces of a Class including the Ellipsoid, by Prof. Donkin.—Supplement to a paper of the Control of the Co

PINE ARTS

DAVID ROBERTS'S SKETCHES IN SPAIN.

THE sketches made by this admirable and tried artist are now on exhibition at the German Gallery, in New Bond Street. They amount to seventy-five in number, and were taken by our Art veteran in the years 1832 and 1833. Art veteran in the years 1832 and 1833. To those who love Art, we need scarcely expatiate on the pleasure and delight of strolling round a studio hung with a clever man's sketches. It is, in fact, like walking round the inside of his brain and prying (as children with cabinets) into every strong drawer and loaded shelf. If such a brain-tour is unfruitful, the brain must be empty indeed, or the tourist himself rather imperfectly furnished by nature,—his intellect or some other essential point being left out in his composition. The visitor to Kensington has lately learnt how fine a mental exercise it is to examine Raphael's or Michael Angelo's first thoughts, and see how this great picture grew from a crumped-up skeleton, and that from bunches of figures so small that they resemble an ant-hill in motion.

In these sketches, many of them, or all, already published, we trace the thought from its very skeleton, till it rises and spreads into the perfect picture. We see the tree bud and swell. We observe the first thought, large or small in its completeness, thrown on paper raw and naked, and often with much of the incompleteness of the new-born, but still unclothed, unsophisticated, and in its true proportions, untinselled and unframed. A good artist could scarcely dread a more severe test of merit—a bad one dare not challenge such a palpable proof of insufficiency. Raphael himself can

But Mr. Roberts's drawings, though too much generalized, though cold and frozen in colour, though weak in figures, and though false to climate, come bravely out of this awful examination. We may still see and lament the over-generalizing eye, the too broad effect, the slur of detail, the wilful lowering of tone,—yet we cannot but admire the grand universality of feeling, the grasp, the compass, the perfect taste and unity, the thorough musical keeping to the key, though the key be a minor one, and sadder and flatter than nature. Who can do better? Not the P.R.B. peddler at brick-walls and hearthstones. No, a thousand times we say, no! It will do infinite good to the flocks of zealous and thoughtful amateurs who now frequent our Exhibitions and read our paradoxical Art-books to study these sketches of Mr. Roberts's till they learn what pains and labour he must have carcely bear it. till they learn what pains and labour he must have taken, aided by natural genius of no low degree, before he could have attained that simplicity of unity his drawings now display, as they did more than twenty years ago in Spain. How exquisitely he conveys a sense of a wall, or window, or roof, or tower, with almost a single touch, till we forget that that touch, so small and delicate, was darted on the paper with the swiftness and truth of an eagle's pounce, and that the thousandth part of a grain more colour and the thing had been a lump, a blot, and a blotch, horrible to gods and men. Without passing in detail through well-known works, we may mention as either specially beautiful works, we may mention as either specially beautiful or as specially interesting during the war between Spain and Morocco, the following:—View from the Ronda Mountains, looking towards Gibraltar and the Coast of Barbary (No. 53),—a fine but too rapid sketch of Gibraltar, as seen from envious Spain, who pines for the mouthful that her jaws are never to close over. To the left runs the blue ridge of Atlas; lower is the Spanish settlement of Ceuta, that has led to all this foolish quarrel and revival of the cruelty, but not the relicious ideal.

revival of the cruelty, but not the religious ideal, of the old Crusades. Nearer, above the cistus-

bushes and wild rosemary, rises Gibraltar,—a mere molehill, red as the Apple of Discord. Porch of Ancient Mosque at Cordova (5) is a curious and remarkable example of Moorish splen. dour and Spanish degradation. Faulty or not the Moorish arch seems to us more beautiful than either the Greek or the Gothic.—Alcala el Guadira, either the Greek or the Gothic.—Alcala et Guadira, Andalusia (41), a good example of Mr. Roberts in a sombre, thoughtful mood. This sketch reads like a mournful Jeremiade on fallen Spain.—Con-trast it with the meretricious folly of The Royal Palace at Madrid (38), unfurnished as the Spanish mind. The perspective in this, and in all other of Mr. Roberta's works, should be observed, it being singularly design and transport.

Mr. Roberta's works, should be observed, it being singularly daring and true.

Court of the Lions, Alhambra (52). This is a very graceful and truthful drawing, keeping, too, in careful remembrance the relative size of the fountain and pillars. The believers in Mr. Owen Jones's Court at Sydenham will observe how utterly unlike the general effect of this real and his false work is. The pillars here are mellow and subdued, the colour a mere fading bloom. The colournan's window is not here on the walls.

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Moorish Tower of the Giralda, Seville (49),—a beautiful—though not quite minute enough—sketch of this eighth wonder of the world. Its frescoed sides, its tarnished gilding, its pierced pannels, its aerial pinnacles, where the falcons poise and turn, merit more lover-like treatment than this;—but we forget all these scenic short comings when we arrive at—Malaga (33), one of the rarest scenes in the room. Mr. Roberts has painted this as if he were enamoured of the place, or had just (when he painted it) made his fortune by a successful shipment of the raisins of the country, now pouring fast into England for our Christmas puddings. The sea seems melting as we look at it, and the white dots of sails are actually

miles, miles away.

Seville (23) is a daybreak,—frosty, cold, and utterly untrue to Spain,—where that noble phenomenon is generally attended by a blaze of saffron light, such as that from which the glorified Madonnas of Murillo are generally seen emerging, amid garlands of cherubim, and faint visions of seraphic wings dying away small and smaller in the distance.

To say Mr. Roberts has shortcomings, is only to say that he lives in a transition time of only to say that he lives in a transition time of Art, and to assert that he is mortal. He is cold in colour; but Nature, too, has cold and northern moments: he generalizes, but so did the great painters; and even Dutch detail is only a narrower range of the inevitable generalization that Art requires and must have. The photographer copies Nature, and takes down her daily common utterings; but the artist waits for the moment of enthusiasm, and then Nature speaks, and in undying

FINE-ART GOSSIP .- The announcement that Mr. Cope is to bring forward the question of enlarging the present constituency of the Royal Academy excites a very great interest among artists. Many suggestions have been kindly sent to us on the subject; but here is one which, in the present stage of the business, is perhaps the most important of all :-"Royal Institution of Great Britain."
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"If Mr. Cope be really in earnest to carry a Royal Academy Reform he will accept any hint to aid him in his efforts. Let him, then, make a short abstract of what is said in favour and in dis-approval of his resolution. Let him give the names of the speakers, and let all appear in print. If he ask this favour from the Editor of the Athencum I dare say he will obtain it. Publicity is the only way to obtain reform. Let there publicity of Mr. Cope's resolutions, and let there be the opinions of the Members of the Academy all in print, and I will engage for the success of every reform.

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every reform.

—Some Members of the Academy will probably start at this proposal. But let them look around. Is not publicity the very life of every public body! In these very pages the Members of the Royal Academy may read the doings and sayings of the Fellows of the Royal Society and the Fellows of

the Royal Institution. Why should Art be managed in the dark, while Science and Literature content to be conducted in broad day?

Mr. Cope's picture is a mature work,
Mr. Cope's picture is a mature work, forcible in effect, and not unworthy of a national building. We have no special sympathy, indi-vidually, with the foolish king who lost his head so long before it rolled off the Whitehall scaffold. Never king died more gracefully-never king made a more gentleman-like ending. But politics apart, this funeral, in the sad snow time, of a king beloved by many generous, un-selfish hearts, is a fine romantic subject for a Royalist painter. Mr. Cope, not very strong in noyans panier. Mr. Cope, not very strong in facial expression,—on the contrary, rather tame and mannered,—has in this picture reached to a point almost beyond himself, by the strong effect he has obtained by contrasting the dark, high heeled shoes and flowing cloaks of the mourners with the pure winding-sheet of snow that covers the Windsor earth. A Cavalier would appreciate the solemnity and religious feeling of the whole work,—the bent heads and reverend mournfulness of the train about to enter the chapel is worthy of praise by even the Whiggiest member

King Victor Emmanuel has given a commission to our young and adventurous water-colour painter, Mr. Henry Cook, to paint a series of pictures of the late war in Lombardy. Mr. Cook had been taking sketches in North Italy, and especially of the battle-fields of Montebello, Casteggio, Palestro, Magenta, Solferino, Mele gnano, and Cavriana. An opportunity arose for showing these sketches to the brave King of Sardinia, who at once commissioned pictures from them. Mr. Cook had no drawing of San Martino, which shows how little of a courtier the artist is: Victor Emmanuel added that subject to the series.

Mr. J. R. S. Stanhope asks us to say that the sicture in the Winter Exhibition, which has been attributed through an error in the Catalogue to Mr. Stanfield, jun., is from his easel. We state the fact with pleasure. Our opinion of the picture has been already given.

A resolution has been passed at Berlin that monuments are to be erected, at Government expense, to the memory of Frederic Wilhelm the Third, Minister von Stein, and Chancellor von Hardenberg. These monuments are to stand on the Place between the Royal Opera-house and the Royal Library. The artists who are to be entrusted with the execution have not been named The bronze statue of Count Frederic Wilhelm of Brandenburg has received its last touch, and waits only to have a day fixed for its erection on the Place between the Opera-house and the Palace of the Prince Regent. It will be of equal height with the bronze statues of Blücher, York, and Gneisenau, on the same Place.

MUSIC AND THE DRAMA

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St. James's .- A little drama in two acts, slight, but nest in construction, was produced at this theatre on Wednesday evening, with success. The piece is called 'The Chatterbox,' from the principal female part, and is from the pen of Mr. Blanchard Jerrold. It is wholly original, and, like the plays of Douglas Jerrold, depends for its effects more on character and dialogue than march of story. The interest turns on the approaching of the two great families of the Pownde and the Penses, through the union of the elegant daughter of the golden line, with the accomplished augmer of the golden line, with the accomplished son of the copper line. No abstract and profound moral, not even a mystic sentiment, is sought by the author in this combination. The difference be-tween the rival houses is of name, not of nature, or even of condition. Mr. Pense is richer even than Mr. Powndes; and the antagonism is that of Bermondsey against Belgravia, rather than of honest worth against money power. The situa-tion is made use of only as a field for the amiable operations of Miss Tingtong, a lady of uncertain age, in search of a husband. Mrs. Frank Matthews played the Chatterbox with capital spirit, and occasionally with a delicacy and subtlety reaching to the very highest range of comic art. Of the other actors it is useless to speak. It is no small proof of vitality in the piece that it lived through the trials of such an interpretation as it received on the first night. The success, however, was undoubted.

LYCEUM.—The most important occurrence of the week is the opening of this theatre, by Madame Celeste. A large audience assembled on Monday, and had reason to be pleased with the improve ments made in the interior of the house-the pitseats being stuffed and provided with backs, and the dress-circle of boxes re-arranged, with greater space allowed to each person. Madame Celeste space anowed to each person. Maname Celestes addressed the audience, stating, among other things, that her preference would be given to original English dramas. The opening drama, however, is from the French piece entitled 'Les Enfers de Paris,' by MM. Robert Beauvoir and Lambert Thiboust,—but placed on these board under the name of 'Paris and Pleasure; or, Home and Happiness. Mr. Selby is the adapter. The plot is simple enough, though the development is apparently complicated by the great number of persons engaged in its elaboration. Two country gentlemen, having just received a fortune, leave their sweethearts, determined to see life in Paris, and enjoy its pleasures. A sister of the two village girls, who happens to be an actress in Paris, becomes the guardian angel of the two gallants. She appears to them, however, in the shape of a modern demon, and by the assumption of a variety of disguises, follows them to all their haunts, and delivers them from a series of dangers. At length they are completely ruined, and confined in the prison of Clichy, where she finally appears, and restores to them all they have lost. Whereupon they return to Breton, and renew their vows to rustic maidens whom they had so basely

deserted. Madame Celeste never acted better. and the curtain descended to unanimous applaus

OLYMPIC.—A new piece was produced here on Monday, entitled 'The Base Impostor'—an adaptation, by Mr. H. Wigan, from 'La Contre Basse.' It has evidently been transferred to these boards for the purpose of giving Mr. H. Wigan the opportunity of enacting the French gentleman, who professes to play on the double-bass, but cannot, yet manages to keep up appearances by drawing his bow across the strings of a violoncello while his friend in another apartment plays the tune. His performance is exceedingly characteristic, and deservedly commanded applause.

STRAND.—'Shameful Behaviour' is the title of a new drama, by Mr. A. C. Troughton, which, alight as it is, has met with some success on these boards. The heroine (Miss M. Oliver) is a coquette, with a number of lovers, one of whom, Henry Vernon (Mr. Swanborough), succeeds in reading her a lesson, and winning her hand. This little drama entirely depends on the actors, who play it with great vivacity.

PRINCESS'S.—Another new piece was produced at this house on Wednesday. It is entitled 'Home Truths,' and is taken, by Mr. Reynoldson, from M. Augier's French drama 'Gabrielle.' Two friendly barristers, one married and another unmarried, one busy and the other idle, come into false relations in respect of the wife of the former.

Mr. Vaughan (Mr. G. Melville) does not, however, suspect Mr. Beaumont (Mr. Shore), nor is the wife guilty further than in thought. His uncle, however, Mr. Saffron (Mr. F. Matthews), is uneasy about some interviews between Mr. Beaumont and about some interviews between Mr. Deaumont and his aunt, and, to relieve his doubts, Vaughan proposes that they should overhear the conversation. Discovery is thus made of Beaumont's designs on Mrs. Vaughan (Mrs. C. Young). The uncle and nephew here change places—the latter has to bear the yoke of which the former had been disburthe yoke of which the former had been disbur-thened,—and some comic diversion is got out of the situation. Vaughan, however, acts nobly, and obtains for his friend an appointment of 800l. a year, which Beaumont, of course, refuses to accept. Madly in love, he confesses, while concealing the lady's name, that he is about to elope with a mar-ried lady. Vaughan then describes to him the ried lady. Vaughan then describes to him the inevitable misery which he is about to bring on himself and the guilty partner of his flight, and Beaumont, convinced, resolves on leaving the place and availing himself of the proffered employment. The moral tone of this drama recommends it to the audience,—and it was so nicely acted that it deserved the success which it has achieved.

MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC GOSSIF.—The tide of winter music is now in full flow. The amateurs began their evolutions on Monday evening, with a programme including two of the instrumental movements from Mr. H. Leslie's (Luish), and Mis. Exact. 'Judith,' and Miss Freeth as solo pianist. This lady has only to be heard oftener (thereby acquiring composure) to take a high place; she has elegance, lightness and a certain originality of style which are attractive. Monday's Popular Concert was well attended, though the entertainment was, for our tastes, cloying,—made up, so far as its instru-mental portion was concerned, of Spohr's music. This, even the skilful recommendations of the analytical programme (which, by the way, is carefully and thoroughly done, without fulsome over-praise) cannot prevail on us to enjoy in so large a quantity. Mr. L. Sloper was the pianist, playing very well. Mr. Sims Reeves was singing finely, and on being encored in Mozart's 'Della sua pace,' answered the call by giving 'Adelaide.'—To judge from appearances, the Promenade Concerts at Drury Lane will hardly fulfil the expectations of their projectors. The principal solo instrumentalists have been M. Wieniawski and Herr Pauer, a third pianist, by the way, whose turn for occupation is This, even the skilful recommendations of the anabeen M. Wieniawski and Herr Fauer, a tarry pianist, by the way, whose turn for occupation is possibly coming, since it seems admitted that the instrument has more than one player in London. Yet another proof of the life which exists in the English ballad, has been given in yet another of the

entertainments which start into existence week after week. We allude to Mr. Ransford's Dibdin Evening, possibly in part suggested by the outbreak of military and naval ardour, which has been one of the signs of 1859.

Among other things to be improved in St. Paul's Cathedral, the organ is not left out. The instrument is to be reconsidered and enlarged, it is said, without alteration of the case, which was designed by Wren. Its place, too, is to be changed to a side position. The barricade fashion of blocking up the vistas of our large churches, by placing vast instruments on screens, is in progress of abandonment everywhere, in obedience to the requirements of modern time.

For the reasons given a fortnight since, we can merely acknowledge the numbers of the *Tonic Sol-*Fa Reporter which have been forwarded to us; as, also, many private communications on the subject.

A member of the orchestra at this year's Handel Festival engages us to urge the Committee to activity in the distribution of the commemorative medal, which, he says, has not yet reached the members of the band.

The disjointed, un-artistic performances of Italian Opera at Drury Lane closed the other evening by an open rupture betwixt two contracting parties—a manager who lets out certain singers, and the lessee who has hired them. At the eleventh hour "the screw" was put on Mr. Smith, by telegram; and new terms were demanded for certain performances previously agreed on. To these Mr. Smith refused to accede;—and printed the facts in a bill, as his reason for disappointing the public. To ourselves it is a relief to have done with exhibitions, the inferiority of which was thinly concealed by their pretension. "Turtle for the million!" sounded grand,—only, somehow, the turtle taste was but to be found in the name. A shabby 'Les Huguenots' is, musically, a no less complete unreality. Imperfections which could be winked at in such a case as that of Miss Romer's Surrey Theatre summer-operas in English become offensive in the stronger light of Drury Lane—when grand names are put forward to entice the public. But, in this matter, all the blame does not lie with Mr. Smith; while we wish that his management was one less of momentary expedient and more conducted on fixed principle.—The most disastrous side of this compact and indenture work, undertaken by the sharp and needy—and accepted, too easily, by those who cannot resist the golden bait, is illustrated in the present plight of Mdlle. Tietjens and Signor Giuglini. The need of rest in which both stand is obvious. On Monday to sing at Bullock Smithy; on Tuesday, at Toquay; on Wednesday, at Inverness; on Thursday, at Hythe, makes cruel havoe of the voice, especially if the owner of that organ had something to learn before he commenced his career of exhausting servitude.—It is again said that Mr. Smith intends to present opera in English at Drury Lane early in the new year.

It is said that there is a possibility of M. Gounod's 'Faust' being given in Italian at our Royal Italian Opera next season, with Madame Miolan-Carvalho as Margarita, and Signor Tamberlik as the hero.

'Un Curioso Accidente,' the new opera with Signor Rossini's name to it, produced this day week at the Italian Theatre, in Paris, has called from the composer the following letter to M. Calzado, the manager,—"Sir, I am informed that the playbills of your theatre announce a new opera by me, under the title 'Un Curioso Accidente.' I do not know if I should have the right to hinder the representation of something made up in two acts, more or less from ancient pieces by me. I have never troubled myself with this sort of questions in regard to my works;—of which none, let me say by the way, bears the title 'Un Curioso Accidente.' At all events, I am not disposed to—and shall not—oppose the representation of 'Un Curioso Accidente.' But I cannot allow the public and subscribers to your theatre to be attracted there under the idea of a new

opera by me, or further to fancy that I have any concern in the arrangement which is about to be produced. I therefore hereby request you to remove from your bills the word 'new,' and my name as the author, and to replace your announcement by the following words:—'Opera, arranged to pieces of music by M. Rossini, by M. Berettoni.' I require that this alteration shall appear on to-morrow's bills; failing this, I shall be compelled to call on law, to give me that which I request from your sense of honour."—The needful suppression has, of course, been made. The opera, we are told, is sung by Mesdames Alboni, Cambardi; Signori Lucchesi, Badiali and Zucchini. This is not a bright cast, since it includes only one actor.

Foreign papers mention that Herr Marschner has received an invitation from New York, to go thither, for the purpose of superintending the production of his operas, and assuming the direction of a new Philharmonic Society.

M. Roger is positively about to re-appear on the French stage, at a benefit representation, in which he will sing one act of 'La Dame Blanche,' one of 'La Favorite,' and one of 'Le Prophète.'

Following "the pitch question," from time to time, as we do—even while feeling it calculated to lead us into chaos, rather than into concord and light, attention is claimed by Grétry's fork, which turned up the other day; and of which a description is given by M. de La Fage in this week's Gazette Musicale, of Paris. This is now eight vibrations sharper than the recently settled normal fork (to impose which on the French world seems not easy, even to French autocracy). Grétry was a lively man, with a lively taste; and his pitch is assumed to have been acuter than the general diapason of the time he lived in. Does not this make good our remarks on the individualities which there is no keeping out of the subject, when we noticed M. de La Fage's pamphlet [ante, p. 281], even if the question still has to be disposed of, how far Grétry's fork was as Grétry left it? The entire matter, we suspect, will end as it began—in words. The dowagers will keep company with the dowagers; the young people will "gush"; the composers will study effect—some to please the singers, others with the despotic purpose of keeping them down by making them sing up:
—while that which is brilliant and that which is of "a retreating cast" (to use the phrase of a Madame Mantalini, when considerate of the antiquity of her female client), will find peace and comfort in sharp or in flat orchestras, as may be.

The constitution of the Théâtre Français was, as all Europe knows, sketched by Napoleon the First when on his Russian campaign, so that it is only according to precedent that even Villafranca matters, and all the train of anxious cares and concernments following thereupon, have not prevented an official commission from "sitting" to consider measures of reform, for which there seems necessity, in that theatre. A Report on the subject has been published in the Moniteur. By this it appears that the financial state of the establishment is more satisfactory than it ever was before. The departure of Rachel, so far from giving its prosperity a deathbow, proves to have been followed by a rise in profits,—another warning, were such required, that preponderance such as hers is disproportionate, injurious and unhealthy. Complaints have gone up to high places that the new plays produced of late (principally maudlin and morbid comedies) have been poor and feeble. It is, possibly, to raise the staple of these that the rights of authors are to be increased, and henceforward to stand at the figure of 15 per cent. on the gross receipts.

MISCELLANEA

Munro in India.—It appears almost incredible that anything professing to be a History of British India, could be written without a reference of the slightest kind to Sir Thomas Munro, a brave and successful soldier, and one of the ablest administrators India ever produced. Yet so it is: in Macfarlane's 'History of British India,' (Routledge,

3rd edit., 1858, pp. 651) his name does not once occur, nor is there mention made of any of his distinguished services during the forty-seven years that he was labouring for the welfare of that country.

Volunteer Engineer Corps, South Kensington.—
A meeting was held on Monday, in the Theatre of the Museum, South Kensington, by permission of the Lord President of the Council, H. Cole, Esq., C.B., in the chair, for the purpose of organizing a volunteer engineer corps, to be composed of the officers and others connected with the Department of Science and Art, and of such gentlemen of the neighbourhood as may desire to join. The following resolution was unanimously passed:—That it is expedient to establish at South Kensington a volunteer corps of rifles, capable of acting as engineers, and that, subject to the confirmation of the Lord Lieutenant of the country, MacLeod of MacLeod be requested to take the command of the same, and to do what is necessary for its organization. A second resolution, relative to donations and the amount of subscription, was also unanimously adopted. The chairman amounced that 60th had already been promised, including a donation of 5th from Mr. John Sheepshanks. The amount of subscription for those unconnected with the Department will be matter for the consideration of the committee. Before the meeting broke up seventy-five volunteers signed their names.

Shakspeare Readings.—In the Athenaum, No. 1668, Mr. Garnett, of the British Museum, appears to be correct in holding that chair is right and cheer wrong; but wrong in exchanging "tomb" for "tongue," as follows:—

So our virtues
Lie in the interpretation of the time,
And power, unto itself most commendable,
Hath not a tomb so evident as a chair
To extol what it hath done.

To draw truth from the well of the three lines lat quoted, or rather the true meaning in them, from the apparently deep obscurity in which it is hid, it should be remembered that Aufidius has been speaking of Coriolanus's past and present public career, to his (Aufidius's) Lieutenant; that he speaks in a vindictive mood, and meditates and threatens vengeance against the great, irascible, proud, uncourtly Roman. He attributes the rise of Coriolanus to influence and authority under the Roman Government solely to his own undeniable merits; and his fall and expulsion from Rome chiefly to the imperious boastfulness of his tongue, and to the imperiousness of his uncompromising temper, that

Made him fear'd,
So hated, and so banished: But he has a merit
To choke it in the utterance. So our virtues
Lie in the interpretation of the time:
And power, unto itself most commendable,
Hath not a tomb so evident as a-chair
To extol what it hath done.

My impression is that the word a-chair has been employed according to the analogy of the word a-bed, elsewhere used in this play. Coriolanus, act iii., sc. 3, says,—

The honoured gods
Keep Rome in safety, and the chairs of justice
Supplied with worthy men!

Imagine these worthy men boasting in the chairs of justice the great deeds they had done the State. What more likely than that their extolling what they had done would become the tomb of their power? So it was with Coriolanus's power at Rome, and so Auficlius was resolved it should again be at Antium, as his discourse with his Lieutenant shows. The last scene bears out the view I have taken, wherein Coriolanus says,—

taken, wherein Coriolanus says,—

Boy! false hound!

If you have writ your annals true, 'tis there,
That like an eagle in a dove-cote, I
Fluttered your Volscians in Corioli:
Alone I did it. Boy!

T. JONES-

Leeds, Nov. 16.

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* Mr. Garnett uses "with" instead of "unto." In my copy of Shakspeare the word is unto, not with.

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